



Almanac FOR The Reformed Church

IN THE
UNITED STATES

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD

1884



QUESTION.—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER.—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation: and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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Almanac for the Year of our Lord 1889

BEING A COMMON YEAR OF 365 DAYS.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
 New Moon.	 First Quarter.	 Full Moon.	 Last Quarter.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Saturn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mars.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Venus.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Moon.
				$\frac{1}{2}$ Jupiter.	\odot Sun.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mercury.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Herschel.
δ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.				\square Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.			
\oplus Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart.				\triangle Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.			
\oslash Opposite, when they are 180 degrees distant.							

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter,	F	Solar Cycle,	22
Golden Number, or Lunar Cycle,	9	Roman Indiction,	2
Epact,	28	Julian Period,	6602

The Jewish Era, with their 5650th year, commences 26th of September, 1889.

The Mohammedan Era, with their 1307th year, commences 28th of August, 1889.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 17.	Palm Sunday, April 14.	Trinity Sunday, June 16.
Quinquagesima Sunday, March 3.	Easter Sunday, April 21.	Corpus Christi, June 20.
Shrove Tuesday, March 5.	Ascension or Holy Thurs., May 30.	First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 1.
Ash Wednesday, March 6.	Whit Sunday or Pentecost, June 9.	Sundays after Trinity, are 23.

EMBER DAYS.

March 13.	June 12.	September 18.	December 18.
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THE FOUR SEASONS, OR CARDINAL POINTS

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters φ	March 19th,	11 o'clock 47 minutes, evening.
Summer Solstice,	" " ϖ	June 21st,	1 " 15 " morning.
Autumnal Equinox,	" " \simeq	September 22d,	11 " 5 " forenoon.
Winter Solstice,	" " v	December 21st,	4 " 57 " morning.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1889.

There will be five Eclipses this year; three of the Sun and two of the Moon.

I. A Total Eclipse of the Sun, January 1st, 5 o'clock 5 minutes in the evening; a small portion visible by sunset here.

II. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, January 17th, 12 o'clock 19 minutes in the morning. Visible generally throughout North and South America, Europe, Africa, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

III. An Annular (or ring Form) Eclipse of the Sun, June 28th, 3 o'clock 54 minutes in the morning. Invisible in America, visible in the Southern portion of Africa, and Indian Ocean.

IV. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, July 12th, 3 o'clock 44 minutes in the evening. Invisible in the United States, visible in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Atlantic Ocean and the Eastern parts of South America.

V. A Total Eclipse of the Sun, December 22d, 7 o'clock 48 minutes in the morning. Invisible in the United States, will be total in the Atlantic Ocean, between South America and Africa, also East South America and West Africa.

Carefully calculated for the Meridian of Philadelphia, by WILL R. IBACH, Newmanstown, Lebanon Co., Penn'a

JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 New Year	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	10 32	13	1. ♄ ♃ ♄. ♃ rises 6 4	47 23 4	37 12 59	
Wednesday	2 Martyrs H. Scrip	Philip. 2: 1-11	5 52	25	♄ ♃ ♄	47 23 4	37 1 41	
Thursday	3 Gordius	1 Pet. 4: 12-19	6 57	7	♃ rises 7 38	57 23 4	37 2 20	
Friday	4 Titus	Eph. 3:	8 11	18	♄ ♃ ♄. ♄ ♃ ♄. ♄ sets 8 14	57 22 4	38 3 2	
Saturday	5 Simeon	Ps. 24:	9 17	0	♄ sets 7 52	67 22 4	38 3 48	

1] Sunday after New Year. Matt. 2: 1-23; Isaiah 60: 1-6. Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 min.

Sunday	6 Epiphany	Luke 2: 40-52	10 32	12	Rigel south 10 1	67 21 4	39 4 37	
Monday	7 Wittekind	John 1: 38-51	11 37	24	♃ rises 5 46	77 20 4	40 5 31	
Tuesday	8 Severinus	" 2:	morn.	6	♄ 8. Castor south 12 6	77 20 4	40 6 27	
Wednesday	9 Catharine Zell	" 3:	12 20	18	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	87 19 4	41 7 17	
Thursday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 4:	1 18	1	7* south 8 13	87 19 4	41 8 3	
Friday	11 Fructuosus	" 5:	1 49	14	♄ ♃ ♄. ♄ ♃ ♄	87 18 4	42 8 52	
Saturday	12 J. Chastellian	" 6: 1-25	2 39	27	Dinapo ♄ sets 8 29	97 18 4	42 9 37	

2] First Sunday after Epiphany. Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 26 min.

Sunday	13 Hilary	John 6: 26-71	3 36	11	Aldebaran south 8 48	97 17 4	43 10 35	
Monday	14 Felix	" 7:	4 34	25	♄ sets 7 50	97 17 4	43 11 27	
Tuesday	15 John a'Lasco	" 8: 1-20	5 32	10	Orion south 10 1	107 16 4	44 12 7	
Wednesday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 8: 21-50	6 34	25	♃ rises 5 21	107 15 4	45 12 42	
Thursday	17 Anthony	" 9:	♄ rises	10	♄ 17. Regulus rises 7 22	117 14 4	46 1 19	
Friday	18 John Blackader	" 10: 1-21	6 35	25	♄ ♃ ♄. ♄ rises 6 34	117 13 4	47 2 4	
Saturday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 10: 22-42	7 31	10	♄ sets 8 44	117 12 4	48 2 49	

3] Second Sunday after Epiphany. John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16. Day's Length, 9 hours, 38 min.

Sunday	20 Fabian & Sebas'n	Mark 1: 1-20	8 44	24	Cappella south 8 57	117 11 4	49 3 34	
Monday	21 Agnes	" 1: 21-45	8 49	9	Spica rises 11 39	127 11 4	49 4 19	
Tuesday	22 Vincent	" 2:	10 57	23	♃ rises 5 1	127 10 4	50 5 7	
Wednesday	23 Isaiah	" 3: 1-19	11 58	6	♄ ♃ ♄.	127 9 4	51 5 52	
Thursday	24 Timothy	" 3: 20-35	morn.	20	♄ 24. ♄ rises 5 48	127 8 4	52 6 37	
Friday	25 Paul's Conversion	" 4:	12 37	2	♃ stationary	137 7 4	53 7 34	
Saturday	26 Polycarp	" 5; 6: 1-16	1 34	15	♄ sets 8 59	137 6 4	54 8 32	

4] Third Sunday after Epiphany. Matt. 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21. Day's Length, 9 hours, 50 min.

Sunday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	Mark 6: 7-29	2 28	27	♄ ♃ ♄. ♃ rises 4 47	137 5 4	55 9 31	
Monday	28 Charlemagne	" 6: 30-56	3 24	10	♄ in Per ♄ in ♄	137 4 4	56 10 32	
Tuesday	29 Juventine	" 7: 1-23	4 22	22	♄ sets 7 49	147 3 4	57 11 27	
Wednesday	30 Henry Müller	" 7: 24-37	5 20	4	♄ gr. along East. ♄ sets 5 49	147 2 4	58 12 32	
Thursday	31 Hans Sachs	" 8:	♄ sets	15	♄ 31. ♄ gr'test brill'y	147 1 4	59 1 47	

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon	1st,	4 o'clock,	8 minutes,	evening.
First Quarter,	8th,	7 "	40 "	"
Full Moon,	17th,	10 "	36 "	morning.
Last Quarter,	24th,	12 "	57 "	forenoon.
New Moon,	31st,	4 "	9 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, 7, snow; 8, 9, 10, clear;
11, 12, rain; 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, 17, fair, and frosty;
18, 19, 20, mild; 21, 22, 23, 24, windy; 25, 26, 27,
coldest days; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, 31, fair.

JANUARY.

"A Happy New Year."

NEW mercies, new blessings,
new light on thy way,
New courage, new hope,
and new strength for
each day;
New notes of thanksgiving,
new chords of delight,
New songs in the morning, new
songs in the night;
New stars for thy crown, and
new tokens of love,
New gleams of the glory that
waits thee above;
New light of His countenance,
radiant and clear—
All this be the joy of thy Happy
New Year!

—Selected.

Almanac for 1889.

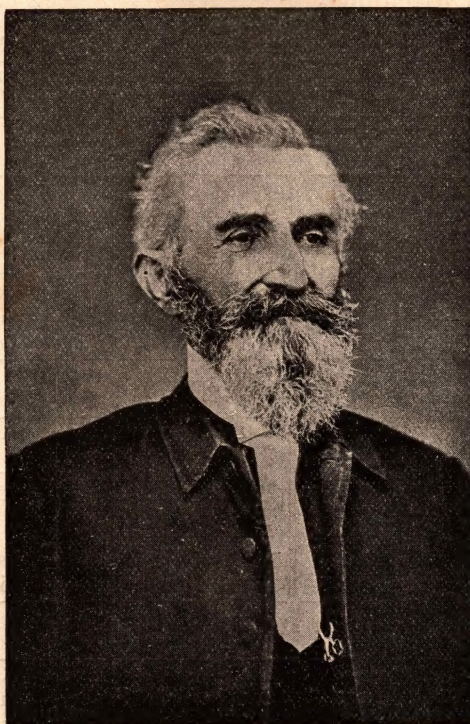
WE send forth to the Church our Almanac for 1889. It must be admitted it is an improvement upon those issued in other years. Neither pains, labor, nor money have been spared to make it a useful, interesting, and handsome Annual. The illustrations are of the highest order, and speak for themselves. We have endeavoured to make the Statistics and Clerical Registers as correct as possible up to the time of going to press. Corrections, however, in these can be made after the first edition upon information being sent to us.

Pastors and members are urged to assist in giving it a large circulation. Let the people have it and profit by it! Let it have its place in every family!

CHAS. G. FISHER, *Editor*.

A Brief History of the Almanac.

THE first Almanac was published by M. Kieffer & Co., in Chambersburg, Pa. It was for the year 1864.



THE LATE MOSES KIEFFER, D. D.

Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., was its editor. It bore upon its title page the first Question and Answer in the Heidelberg Catechism, which has had its place there up to the present time, That for 1865 was published by S. R. Fisher & Co., successors to M. Kieffer & Co., in Philadelphia, with Dr. Harbaugh as editor, who continued to occupy that position until his death, in the year 1867; the contents of the one for the year 1868 being the last prepared by him.

Rev. A. C. Whitmer became his successor and remained the editor until 1882. Since that time the present editor has had in charge its pages. For the last five years its circulation has been steadily increasing. It has come to be regarded as a regular publication of the Church, towards whose

annual appearance the members look with anxiety and interest. It is to be hoped it may reach a much wider circulation than heretofore, and be the instrument of a corresponding amount of good.

The Church Paper.

It is highly important that every member of the Church should be a reader of the Church paper. No one can estimate the value its weekly perusal will be to the pastor, the Church, and to the reader him or herself. It costs but little to gain this decided benefit. The subscription price is nothing to the rich return it will bring.

Pastors owe it to themselves, their people, and their particular congregation and its work, to use every honest effort to have their members become subscribers for it.

1889.

(2). Saturn is in apposition with the Sun on the 5th, and shines all night.

FEBRUARY.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in U. S.

THIS is the oldest charitable institution of the Church. It was organized about one hundred years ago. Its design is to assist ministers' widows and their families, and also superannuated and disabled ministers themselves, who are members of it, and whose pecuniary resources are not sufficient to give them a living, when no longer able to labor.

There are two classes of members: annual contributing, and life. By paying an initiation fee of five dollars and thereafter annually, three dollars, a minister of our Church becomes the former, and by the payment of *sixty-five* dollars, becomes the latter.

The principal income of the Society however, is from invested funds. Collections and donations for immediate use are solicited. That there should be more attention given to this Society and its worthy object, cannot be disputed. Let it be remembered annually by individuals and congregations! The following amounts have been received from October 6th, 1887, to August 20th, 1888:

Synod of the Potomac,	\$ 544 05
" United States,	532 52
" Pittsburgh,	239 88
" Ohio,	4 17
" the Interior,	7 50
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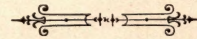
The officers are: Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., President; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Secretary; Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer. Revs. N. H. Skyles and Wm. Goodrich, Assessors. The address of the Treasurer is *Boonesboro, Md.*

Lesson Helps for our Sunday Schools.

THE Lesson Helps are now published under the auspices of the Sunday School Board of the General Synod. The same lessons and comments are to be used all over the Church, East and West, North and South. There is a great improvement in them over those formerly published. They consequently are calculated to aid greatly, teachers and scholars, in the study of the lessons. Teachers have the *Guardian* and the *Heidelberg Teacher* for their use. The *Guardian* contains in addition to the lessons and comments, interesting and suitable matter for young men and women of the Church, whilst the *Heidelberg Teacher* contains only the lessons and comments, and is to be had at a less cost than the other.

The larger scholars have the *Scholars' Quarterly* and the *Advanced Lesson Papers*, whilst the infant scholars have the *Primary Lesson Paper* for their use.

The comments upon the lessons are from the standpoint of the Church, and consequently the *Helps* containing them are the only proper ones for Sunday Schools of the Reformed Church to use. This should claim the attention of officers of the Sunday Schools of the Church.



Look mercifully, O Lord, on the morning prayers of Thy suppliants, and enlighten with Thy healing goodness the secrets of our hearts; that no dark desires may have possession of those whom the light of heavenly grace has renewed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

MARCH,

3d Month, 31 Days.

1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun HIGH WATER, Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 Suidbert	Luke 12: 13-59	☾ sets	6	1. Arctur rises 8 12	13 6	25 5	35 1 31
Saturday	2 John Wesley	" 13: 1-21	6 44	18	☿ rises 2 58	12 6	23 5	37 2 26

9] *Quinquagesima Sunday.* Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 16 min.*

Sunday	3 Balthilde	Luke 13: 22-35	7 43	☾	0	☿ ☿ ☾. ☿ sets 7 45	☿	12 6	22 5	38 3 22
Monday	4 George Wishart	" 14:	8 50	☾	12	Canopus south 7 32		12 6	20 5	40 4 16
Tuesday	5 Shrove Tuesday	" 15:	9 52	☾	25	☿ ☿ ☾. ☿ in Perihelion		12 6	18 5	42 5 6
Wednesday	6 Ash Wednesday	" 16:	10 50	☾	6	☿ sets 9 44		12 6	17 5	43 5 54
Thursday	7 Perpetua	" 17: 1-19	11 49	☾	19	☿ ☿ ☾ Regulus so. 10 48		11 6	16 5	44 6 38
Friday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 17: 20-37	morn.	2	☾	☿ in ☿ ☿ so. 10 2		11 6	14 5	46 7 11
Saturday	9 Cyrillus and Methodius	" 18: 1-30	12 38	☾	15	9. Arctur rises 7 38 ☾ in Apo		11 6	13 5	47 7 49

10] *First Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 36 min.*

Sunday	10 40 Martyrs of Seb.	Luke 18: 31; 19: 1-28	1 27	☾	28	☿ rises 2 32	☾	11 6	12 5	48 8 25
Monday	11 Wm. Hoseus.	" 19: 29; 20: 1-8	2 18	☾	12	Castor south 8 10		20 6	10 5	50 9 6
Tuesday	12 Greg. the Great	" 20: 9; 21: 1-4	2 50	☾	26	Riegel sets 10 56		10 6	9 5	51 9 54
Wednesday	13 Ember Day	" 21: 5-35	3 52	☾	11	☿ gr. elong. W. ☿ 5 13		10 6	7 5	53 10 26
Thursday	14 Matilda	" 22: 1-30	4 29	☾	26	☿ sets 7 46		9 6	6 5	54 11 4
Friday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 22: 31-71	5 16	☾	11	☿ sets 9 52		9 6	5 5	55 11 47
Saturday	16 Heribert	" 23:	5 56	☾	26	Spica sets 8 10		9 6	3 5	57 12 48

11] *Second Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 15: 21-28; 1 Thess. 4: 1-8. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 56 min.*

Sunday	17 Patrick	Mark 10: 32-52	☾ rises	11	☾	17. Orion sets 12 25	☾	9 6	2 5	58 1 29
Monday	18 Alexandr of Jerus	" 11:	7 32	☾	26	☿ in Aphelion ☿ ☿ ☾		8 6	1 5	59 2 42
Tuesday	19 Mary and Martha	" 12:	8 42	☾	11	☾ enters ☿ Spring com'nces ☾ & h. E		8 6	0 6	0 3 27
Wednesday	20 Ambrose of Sien.	" 13:	9 54	☾	25	☿ rises 1 56		8 5	59 6	1 4 5
Thursday	21 Benedict of Nursia	" 14: 1-54	10 57	☾	8	☾ in Per. h south 9 8		7 5	58 6	2 4 45
Friday	22 Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 14: 55; 15: 1-15	11 57	☾	21	☿ sets 7 49		7 5	57 6	3 5 25
Saturday	23 Wolfgang	" 15: 16-47	morn.	3	☾	☿ sets 9 50	☾	7 5	56 6	4 6 0

12] *Third Sunday in Lent.* Luke 11: 14-28; Ephes. 5: 1-9. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	24 Florentius	Matt. 20: 17-33	12 32	☾	15	☿ ☿ ☾		7 5	55 6	5 6 55
Monday	25 Ann. Vir. Mary	" 21:	1 29	☾	27	☿ gr'test Brilliancy		6 5	54 6	6 7 47
Tuesday	26 Liudger	" 22:	2 21	☾	9	Rigel sets 10 10		6 5	53 6	7 8 42
Wednesday	27 Rupertus	" 23:	3 17	☾	21	☿ ☿ ☾ ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N		6 5	52 6	8 9 39
Thursday	28 John von Goch.	" 24: 1-31	4 10	☾	3	Sirius sets 11 13		5 5	51 6	9 10 35
Friday	29 Eustatius	" 24: 32-51	5 3	☾	15	☿ ☿ ☾ h south 8 36		5 5	50 6	10 11 28
Saturday	30 John Heermann	" 25:	5 39	☾	27	7* sets 10 33		5 5	49 6	11 12 40

13] *Fourth Sunday in Lent.* John 6: 1-14; Gal. 4: 21-31. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 24 min.*

Sunday	31 Ernest the Pious	Matt. 26: 1-13	☾ sets	9	☾	31. ☿ rises 1 17	☿	4 5	48 6	12 1 27
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MOON'S PHASES.

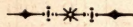
New Moon,	1st,	5 o'clock,	0 minutes,	evening.
First Quarter,	9th,	12 "	59 "	noon.
Full Moon,	17th,	6 "	47 "	morning.
Last Quarter,	24th,	1 "	54 "	"
New Moon,	31st,	6 "	37 "	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, cold; 8, 9, 10, west winds, cold; 10, 11, mild; 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, clear; clear; 16, 17, 18, stormy; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, cloudy; 24, 25, snow or rain; 26, 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, 31, stormy.

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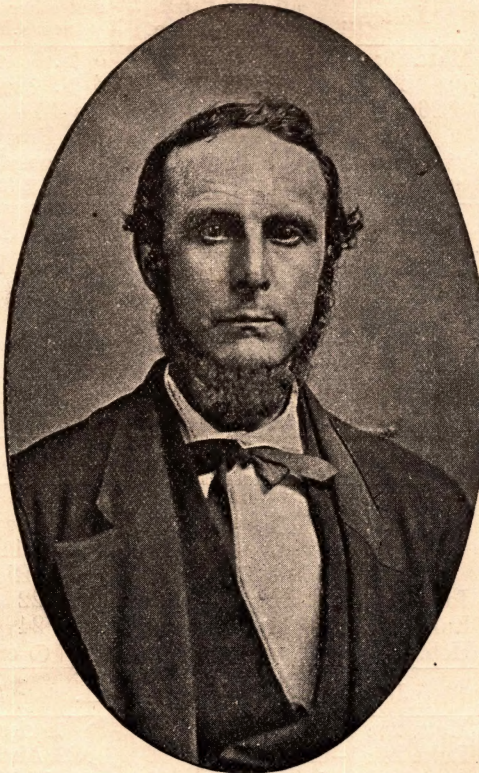
THIS Institution was organized for the purpose of affording the youth in North Carolina, that extreme Southern section of the Church, the opportunities and privileges of obtaining an education. It has been true to its purpose and, notwithstanding the struggles through which it has passed all these years, it has a bright future before it. The brethren of the State have entered upon the project of endowing it. They are meeting with success. Dr. Clapp, the President, assisted by a number of the active ones in that section, is actively pushing the work. They, however, need the aid and encouragement of the Church North. Shall they receive it?



To belong to a good family is something to be grateful for. A start in life of that sort gives one enlarged advantages and opportunities. But there are added responsibilities through belonging to a good family and having enlarged advantages and opportunities. In order to be a success in life, a man must rise above his starting-point. To keep on its level is not enough; he must gain something as the years go by. If, indeed, a man fails to do as well as those whom he follows, and whom he represents, his failure is the more marked because of the standing of those from whose measure he has deteriorated.

"If you degenerate from your race,
Their merits heighten your disgrace."

Unless, therefore, you are an improvement on the average of your family stock, the less you say about the eminence of your ancestors, the better for your own reputation.



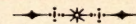
REV. J. C. CLAPP, D.D.,
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Gloquent Figures.

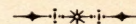
IF it be true that where our treasure is there will our heart be also, then the American heart must be pretty badly off, according to the following figures, taken from *The Gospel in All Lands*, which we commend to the careful consideration of everyone. We spend annually for saving 700,000,000 blood-bought heathen souls, the sum of not more than \$2,500,000; while the total contributions of all the churches in America for all causes, do not exceed \$77,000,000. For intoxicating drinks, on the other hand, we spend \$900,000,000 every year! For tobacco, \$80,000,000! For ladies' foreign dress-goods, about \$125,000,000! New York City alone spends for theater-going and other such amusements, three times as much as our whole country gives for foreign missions. The kid-gloves it im-

ports alone cost ten times as much. The ladies of America actually spend more for artificial flowers every year, than do all the churches for the spread of the Gospel! How does this seem to the conscience?

For Christ, \$77,000,000.
For Vanity, Liquor and Tobacco, 1,105,000,000.



SING.—Don't let the choir do all that for you. They are not expected to do it and it is not their duty. Sing in the service and sing in the hymns. Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously.—*St. Stephen's Witness*.









LIFE, however short, is made still shorter by waste of time.








APRIL,

4th Month, 30 Days.







1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 Fritigild	Matt. 26: 14-35	7 9		21 ♄ ♀ ♄. ♄ sets 7 53 ☾	45 45 6 15	2 13		
Tuesday	2 Theodosia	" 26: 36-56	7 59		4 ♀ ♀ ♄. ♀ sets 9 34	45 44 6 16	3 22		
Wednesday	3 Gerh. Tersteegen	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	8 56		16 ♄ sets 3 14	45 42 6 18	4 16		
Thursday	4 Ambrose	" 27: 3-31	9 51		29 ♄ ♄ Procyon so. 6 41	35 41 6 19	5 0		
Friday	5 Christ. Scriver	" 27: 32-50	10 49		12 ♄ in Apo. ♄ in ♄	35 40 6 20	5 56		
Saturday	6 Albert Durer	" 27: 51-56	11 44		25 ♄ rises 12 55 ☾	35 39 6 21	6 48		








14] *Fifth Sunday in Lent.* John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 46 min.*

Sunday	7 Olaus Petersen	John 11:	morn.		9 ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	25 37 6 23	7 42		
Monday	8 Martin Chemnitz	" 12:	12 28		22 ♄ 8. Sirius sets 10 32	25 36 6 24	8 36		
Tuesday	9 Thos. v. Westen	" 13: 1-30	1 30		6 ♀ stationary ♄ ♄ ☾	25 35 6 25	9 27		
Wednesday	10 Fulbert	" 13: 31; 14: 1-38	2 18		20 ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ sets 2 51	15 33 6 27	10 16		
Thursday	11 Leo the Great	" 15:	3 2		5 ♄ sets 7 54	15 32 6 28	11 3		
Friday	12 Saba	" 16:	3 43		20 ♀ sets 8 59	Sun 5 31 6 29	11 47		
Saturday	13 Justin Martyr	" 17:	4 21		5 ♄ rises 12 30	fast 5 29 6 31	12 8		



15] *Palm Sunday.* John 12: 1-16; Phil. 2: 5-10. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 4 min.*

Sunday	14 John Eccard	Lam. Jeremiah	4 56		20 ♄ stationary ♄ ♄ ☾	15 28 6 32	12 49		
Monday	15 Simon Dach	Heb. 8:	♄ rises	4	15. Wega rises 8 12	15 27 6 33	1 32		
Tuesday	16 Peter Waldo	" 9:	7 43		18 Spica sets 11 38	15 25 6 35	2 15		
Wednesday	17 Mappalicus	" 10:	8 56		2 ♄ in Per. Rigel sets 9 53	15 24 6 36	2 59		
Thursday	18 Maundy Thursday	John 6:	10 8		16 ♄ sets 2 22	15 23 6 37	3 42		
Friday	19 Good Friday	Luke 23: 32-49	11 14		29 ♀ sets 8 24 ☾	15 22 6 38	4 27		
Saturday	20 Anselm of Cant.	Heb. 4:	morn.		12 ♄ ♄ ☾ enters 8	15 21 6 39	5 10		

16] *Easter Sunday.* John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 20 min.*

Sunday	21 Easter Sunday	Matt. 28:	12 14		25 ♄ rises 11 59	15 20 6 40	5 56		
Monday	22 Easter Monday	Luke 24: 1-12	1 6		6 ♄ 22. Antares rises 9 56	15 18 6 42	6 47		
Tuesday	23 George of Capp	Acts 2: 22-47	1 51		18 ♄ sets 7 55	25 17 6 43	7 45		
Wednesday	24 Wilfrid	1 Cor. 15:	2 27		1 ♄ station'y. ♄ ♄ ☾ ^{su-} perior	25 16 6 44	8 47		
Thursday	25 St. Mark, Evang.	Rom. 6:	3 0		12 Sirius sets 9 31	25 15 6 45	9 49		
Friday	26 Trudpert	" 8:	3 50		24 ♄ in ♄ Orion sets 9 58	25 14 6 46	10 34		
Saturday	27 Otto Catelin	1 Cor. 3:	4 17		1 ♄ sets 1 46 ☾	25 12 6 48	11 26		

17] *First Sunday after Easter.* John 20: 19-31; 1 John 5: 4-12. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 38 min.*

Sunday	28 Fred. Myconius	John 1:	4 57		17 ♄ rises 11 32	35 11 6 49	12 36		
Monday	29 L. v. Berquin	" 2:	♄ sets	0	♀ ♄ ♄ Arctur ^{south} 11 41	35 10 6 50	1 38		
Tuesday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 3:	7 32		13 ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ☾ inferior	35 9 6 51	2 11		

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	8th,	8 o'clock,	47 minutes,	morning.
Full Moon,	15th,	5 "	18 "	evening.
Last Quarter,	22d,	8 "	18 "	morning.
New Moon,	29th,	9 "	4 "	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cold rains; 4, 5, mild; 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, 11, fair; 12, 13, cloudy with rain; 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, cloudy with rain; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, 30, rain.

(♀). Venus is in inferior conjunction with the Sun on the 30th changes from evening to morning star.

Notes on Home Missions.

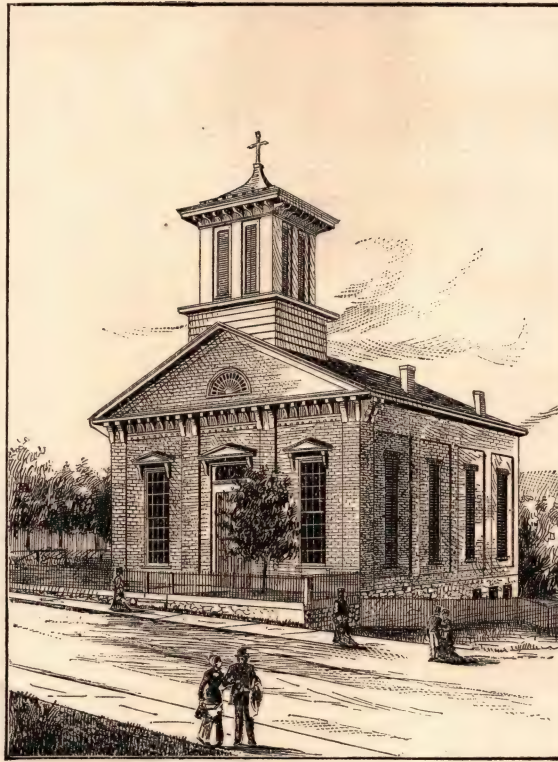
1) *We again call attention to the self-helpfulness and large giving of our missions.* The 56 missions enrolled last year, having 5,430 communicants, paid for congregational expenses, \$38,724, averaging \$7.31 a member, whereas the average in the Church at large is only about \$4.50 a member. For benevolence, these missions paid nearly \$3,500, averaging 63 cents a member, of which \$1,350 were for home missions, averaging 24 cents a member. To see the force of this, please notice that the Church at large averages only 77 cents for benevolence, and much less than 20 cents for home missions.

2) *The amount asked.*—The Board, a year ago, asked the Synods for \$22,000 for the support of missionaries, but the treasurer's report shows that much less was raised; namely, \$15,978.

3) *The amount needed for this year.* The Board asks for \$22,000 for missions and \$5,000 for church-building, as follows: *For Missions:* Synod of the United States, \$12,000; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$4,500; Synod of the Potomac, \$5,500. *For Church-building:* Synod of the United States, \$2,500; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1,000; Synod of the Potomac, \$1,500.

The following facts should be carefully studied:

Cash on hand September 20th, 1887,	\$1,123 00
Received during the year,	16,738 00
Paid out during the year,	16,280 00
Cash on hand September 18th, 1888,	1,582 00
Due the missionaries to October 1st, 1888,	4,250 00
Borrowed money that should be paid this year,	2,000 00
Estimated cost of the work next year,	17,000 00



TRINITY CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, VA. Rev. A. K. Kline, Pastor.
The Potomac Synod convened in this Church, October 9th, 1888.

Adding the last three items, and deducting the cash on hand, gives us the amount absolutely necessary for the work of the missionary year beginning October 1st, 1888, namely, \$21,668.

4) *Will the Church do better this year?* The three English Synods of the East have a communicant membership of 125,000, besides 75,000 unconfirmed members. Should not this number of persons give their Board a far larger income? Will not the Synods and Classes, will not pastors and consistories, during the year to come, make greater and more successful efforts to this end?

The Board is painfully exercised concerning the smallness of our income. We cannot enlarge our work. Indeed, we cannot

even duly pay the missionaries now on the roll. Considering the great need, the great ability of the Church to meet it, and the repeated calls made for more money, why is it that so little has come into our treasury? Is it not because our method of raising this money is a poor one, so different from that used in raising other large sums?

Systematic getting of monthly offerings would work wonders for our income. The world uses it with success. Giving in the Old Testament was intensely systematic, and God gave the plan. Even a very small sum given monthly by the membership of our three Synods, would readily double our present income.

5) *Church-building Funds.*—We report that in

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MAY,

5th Month, 31 Days.

1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. m.
Wednesday	1 Philip and James	John 4:	8 27		26 ♄ in Perihelion ♄ greatest brilliancy ☾	3 5	8 6	52	2 59
Thursday	2 Athanasius	" 5:	9 26		9 7* sets 8 29	3 5	7 6	53	3 18
Friday	3 Monica	" 6: 1-40	10 23		22 ♃ in apo. ♃ ♄ ☐ ☉	3 5	6 6	54	4 3
Saturday	4 Florin	" 6: 41-71	11 22		6 ♄ sets 1 09	3 5	5 6	55	4 44

18] *Second Sunday after Easter.* John 10: 11-16; 1 Peter 2: 20-25. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 54 min.*

Sunday	5 Fred'k the Wise	John 7:	morn.		19 ♄ ♄ ♄ . ♄ sets 7 58	3 5	4 6	56	5 21
Monday	6 John of Damasc.	" 8: 1-30	12 24		3 Sirius sets 8 55	4 5	2 6	58	6 3
Tuesday	7 Flav. Domatilla	" 8: 31-50	1 6		17 ♄ ♄ ♃ Aretur south 11 11	4 5	1 6	59	6 49
Wednesday	8 Stanislaus	" 9:	1 46		2 ♄ S. Spica south 11 22	4 5	0 7	0	7 37
Thursday	9 Greg. Nazianzen	" 10:	2 27		16 ♃ rises 10 46	4 4	5 9	7	1 8 31
Friday	10 John Heuglin	" 11:	2 54		0 Antares south 1 13	4 4	5 8	7	2 9 24
Saturday	11 John Arndt	" 12:	3 29		14 ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N ♄	4 4	5 7	7	3 10 3

19] *Third Sunday after Easter.* John 16: 16-22; 1 Peter 2: 11-19. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 8 min.*

Sunday	12 Meletius	John 13: 14:	3 58		28 ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄	4 4	5 6	7	4 10 47
Monday	13 Servatius	" 15:	4 6		13 ♄ sets 12 42	4 4	5 5	7	5 11 29
Tuesday	14 Pachomius	" 16: 17:	4 54		27 ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄	4 4	5 4	7	6 12 34
Wednesday	15 Moses	" 18:	♃ rises	11 ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄	15. Librae south 11 39	4 4	5 3	7	7 1 18
Thursday	16 Five Martyrs of L.	" 19:	8 57		24 ♃ in Per. Proc. sets 10 19	4 4	5 2	7	8 2 9
Friday	17 Joachim of Flor.	" 20:	9 58		7 ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ rises 10 14	4 4	5 2	7	8 2 56
Saturday	18 80 Martyrs under Valens.	" 21:	10 57		19 Aretur south 10 25	4 4	5 1	7	9 3 41

20] *Fourth Sunday after Easter.* John 16: 5-15; James 1: 16-21. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 min.*

Sunday	19 Alcuin	Heb. 1: 2:	11 52		1 Antares rises 8 11	4 4	5 0	7	10 4 27
Monday	20 Val. Herberger	" 3: 4:	morn.		13 ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄	4 4	4 9	7	11 5 14
Tuesday	21 Constantine	" 5: 6:	12 26		25 ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄	4 4	4 8	7	12 6 5
Wednesday	22 Castus and Aemil.	" 7:	1 2		7 ♄ in ♄ Neptune ♄ ☉	4 4	4 8	7	12 6 46
Thursday	23 Jer. Savonarola	" 8:	1 32		19 Rigel sets 7 33	4 4	4 7	7	13 7 37
Friday	24 Aug. Cazalla	" 9:	2 0		1 ♄ gr. East ♄ sets 8 3	3 4	4 6	7	14 8 30
Saturday	25 Augustine	" 10:	2 30		13 ♄ rises 3 9	3 4	4 5	7	15 9 20

21] *Fifth Sunday after Easter.* John 16: 23-33; James 1: 22-27. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 32 min.*

Sunday	26 Beda Venerabilis	Heb. 11:	3 5		25 ♄ ♄ ♄ . ♄ rises 9 36	3 4	4 4	7	16 10 25
Monday	27 John Calvin	" 12:	3 38		8 Regulus sets 12 27	3 4	4 3	7	17 11 24
Tuesday	28 Lanfranc	" 13:	4 30		21 ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄	3 4	4 3	7	17 12 38
Wednesday	29 David Zeisberger	John 14:	♃ sets	3 ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄	29. ♄ ♄ ♄	3 4	4 2	7	18 1 24
Thursday	30 Ascension Day	Eph. 4:	8 15		17 ♃ in apo. ♄ sets 11 42	3 4	4 1	7	19 2 6
Friday	31 Joach. Neander	John 15:	9 9		29 ♄ ♄ ♄ Antares rise 7 30	3 4	4 1	7	19 2 48

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	8th,	12 o'clock,	42 minutes,	morning.
Full Moon,	15th,	1	42	" "
Last Quarter,	21st,	4	53	" evening.
New Moon,	29th,	12	19	" noon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, cloudy with rain; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, thunder and warm; 20, 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, 25, rain; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, very rainy; 30, 31, variable.

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addition to the three Special or Memorial Funds reported last year, two others of \$500 each have been received, namely: one from Elder Charles Santee, of Philadelphia, to be known as the Charles Santee Church-building Fund; and another from Elder Jacob Y. Dietz, of Philadelphia, to be known as the Catharine Dietz Church-building Fund.

The three Funds reported last year have been loaned to the mission in Sioux City, Iowa, and the Santee Fund has been loaned to Maryland Classis for Faith Mission in Baltimore—all on easy payment and at low interest. A mortgage has been received also from the mission at Wichita, Kansas, for \$1,500, half of the money collected in the East over a year ago.

The wisdom of such Funds, to be used when most needed, becomes more and more apparent; and we trust that others, able to establish such Funds, will early do so.

6) *Editorial Work.*—The *Reformed Missionary Herald* is published, as before, by the Reformed Church Publication House, under the editorial control and direction of the Executive Council. The circulation is about 5,000, the same as last year. The Superintendent also writes almost weekly, articles on missions for the *Reformed Church Messenger*. Only by reading can you know how and where the kingdom is coming.



Books are the most discreet of all friends; they visit us without intrusion, and, though often rudely put aside, are as prompt to serve and please as ever.



REV. THOS. M. YUNDT,
Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.

Bethany Orphans' Home.

THIS is the oldest Orphans' Home of our Church. Was started September 1, 1863 by Rev. Emanuel Böehringer, who took a little orphan girl into his own home, No. 702 Morris Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The first gift (\$1.50) came from Jacob Pfloutz, of Buffalo, N. Y. The house soon became too small. Removed to Bridesburg, July 13th, 1864, to a property purchased for \$5,500. Orphans then about 36. It was dedicated and the first anniversary held on the 13th of October, same year. Rev. Böehringer died twelve days afterward. Rev. John Gantenbein succeeded him, and resigned August 30th,

1866. Rev. D. Y. Heisler succeeded him. Bridesburg being unsuitable for a Home, in 1867 a part of the present property, then consisting of 26 acres and a large brick house, was purchased for \$33,000.































This new home was occupied October, 1867. Orphan Family then 110. Was dedicated October 29, 1867. In October, 1868, Rev. D. Y. Heisler resigned. Rev. D. B. Albright succeeded him. August, 1873, 60 acres more land were purchased for \$10,600. The night of November 11, 1881, the Home was destroyed by fire. Rebuilding began at once, and the present building was erected in 1882. Was dedicated December 14, 1882. It cost \$27,000.

January 14th, 1886, Rev. D. B. Albright resigned. Rev. T. M. Yundt, the present Superintendent, succeeded him. The 25th Anniversary of the Home was celebrated August 23d, 1888. About 6,000 persons were present, including 60 ministers of the Church. Altogether, 420 orphans have been cared for.

JUNE,

6th Month, 30 Days.

1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 F J Oberlin	John 16:	10 16	 2	Spica south 8 40	☾	3 4 40	7 20 3 22
22] <i>Sixth Sunday after Easter.</i> John 15; 26; 16; 1 Peter 4: 7-11. <i>Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 min.</i>								
Sunday	2 Pothinus and Blandina	1 John 1:	10 46	 17	♀ rises 2 50		24 40	7 20 4 9
Monday	3 Chlotilde	" 2:	11 24	 0	♂ ♀ ♀ sets 11 30		24 39	7 21 4 57
Tuesday	4 Quirinus	" 3:	11 58	 14	♂ in ☿ Aretur south 9 17		24 39	7 21 5 52
Wednesday	5 Boniface	" 4:	morn.	 28	☾ gr. brilliancy		24 39	7 21 6 47
Thursday	6 Norbert	" 5:	12 27	 12	☾ 6. ♀ stationary		24 38	7 22 7 38
Friday	7 Paul Gerhardt	Joel 3:	1 2	 27	♂ south 1 17		24 38	7 22 8 22
Saturday	8 A. H. Francke	John 17:	1 39	 11	♂ ♀ Procyon sets 8 45	♄	14 38	7 22 9 8
23] <i>Whit Sunday or Pentecost.</i> John 14: 15-31; Acts 2: 1-11. <i>Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.</i>								
Sunday	9 Whit Sunday	Gal. 3: 4: 1-7	2 5	 25	Pollux sets 10 14		14 37	7 23 9 58
Monday	10 Whit Monday	" 5:	2 37	 9	♀ rises 2 33		14 37	7 23 10 44
Tuesday	11 Barnabas	Romans 12:	3 4	 22	Wega south 1 16		14 36	7 24 11 39
Wednesday	12 Ember Day	1 Cor. 13:	3 47	 6	☾ Spica south 7 54		14 36	7 24 12 34
Thursday	13 Isaac Le Febvre	Romans 6: 19; 7	♂ rises 8 56	 19	♂ ♀ ♀ rises 8 16 in ☿		14 36	7 24 1 10
Friday	14 Basil	" 8:	8 56	 2	♂ in Aphelion	☼	14 36	7 24 1 49
Saturday	15 W. Wilberforce	2 Cor. 5:	9 56	 15	♂ sets 10 38	♄	14 35	7 25 2 36
24] <i>Trinity Sunday.</i> John 3: 1-15; Rev. 4: 1-11. <i>Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.</i>								
Sunday	16 R. Baxter	Acts 1: 2:	10 43	 29	Antares south 10 42		14 35	7 25 3 11
Monday	17 Jno. Tauler	" 3:	11 22	 9	♂ ♀ ♀ rise 2 22		14 35	7 25 3 54
Tuesday	18 Pamphilus	" 4:	11 55	 21	♂ south 12 28		14 35	7 25 4 22
Wednesday	19 Council at Nice	" 5:	morn.	 3	♂ ♀ ♀ inferior		14 35	7 25 5 8
Thursday	20 Corpus Christi	" 6:	12 16	 15	☾ 20. Librae south 8 46		14 35	7 25 5 56
Friday	21 Matt Claudius	" 7:	12 52	 27	☾ enters ☿ Longest Day commences		14 34	7 26 6 49
Saturday	22 Gottschalk	" 8:	1 23	 9	Aretur south 8 3		24 35	7 25 7 47
25] <i>First Sunday after Trinity.</i> Luke 16: 19-31; 1 John 4: 7-21. <i>Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.</i>								
Sunday	23 Gottfried Arnold	1 Peter: 1-10:	1 50	 21	♀ ♀ ♀ Procyon sets 7 44		24 35	7 25 8 50
Monday	24 John Baptist	Acts 10:	2 20	 4	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ south 12 1		24 35	7 25 9 55
Tuesday	25 Augsburg Conf.	" 11:	2 50	 16	♂ station'y ♀ in aphelion		24 35	7 25 10 57
Wednesday	26 J. Val. Andreae	" 12:	3 13	 29	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ sets 10 1		34 35	7 25 11 55
Thursday	27 Seven Sleepers	1 Pet. 2: 11; 3: 1-17	3 37	 13	☾ in apo. ♂ ♀ ♀		34 35	7 25 12 22
Friday	28 Irenaeus	" 3: 18; 4: 1-16	♂ sets 8 41	 27	☾ 28. ♀ rises 2 3	☾	34 36	7 24 1 15
Saturday	29 Peter and Paul	" 4: 17; 5:	8 41	 11	Aretur sets 2 47		34 36	7 24 2 9
26] <i>Second Sunday after Trinity.</i> Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-24. <i>Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.</i>								
Sunday	30 Raymond Lully	2 Pet. 1: 11	9 22	 25	♂ stationary		34 36	7 24 3 0

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	6th,	3 o'clock,	1 minute,	afternoon.
Full Moon,	13th,	8 "	58 "	forenoon.
Last Quarter,	20th,	2 "	35 "	morning.
New Moon	28th,	3 "	53 "	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, warm; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, cool showers; 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, 30, cool showers.

(♂). Mars is in conjunction with the Sun on the 17th, and cannot be seen.

(♂). Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun on the 24th, and shines all night.

A NEW ERA IN OUR PUBLICATION INTERESTS.

AFTER twenty-four years of a checkered history, the Publication interests of the Church East, by purchase and lease, December 30, 1887, again passed over into private hands.

M. Kieffer & Co., after a contract running first five years, then ten years more, through purchase turned over the establishment in a prosperous condition, to the Synod of United States, January 1st, 1884. It was placed under the direction of a Board of Publication, composed of five members, with Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., as Manager. In July, 1884, the property was destroyed in the burning of Chambersburg, Pa.

Philadelphia was chosen as its future home.

For a time all went well, but in a few years it began to struggle because of the stringency of the money market and the heaviness of its debt. Its Superintendent, Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, died in 1881. His son, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, for some time his assistant, became his successor. Difficulties being in the way to place the interests of the Board upon a satisfactory basis, and the Synods declining to come to the aid of the Board, a transfer, as above stated, was made to Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, who has since then been conducting the business under the name of the REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION HOUSE, at 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia. A new order of things has been inaugurated under the new arrangement, and the publication operations of the Church, will no doubt henceforth be carried on in a more satisfactory



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, NORRISTOWN, PA.

REV. S. R. BRIDENBAUGH, PASTOR.

Synod of United States convened in this Church, October 10th, 1888.

and successful manner, and thus bring about a new era in this department of Church activity.

"REFORMED CHURCH MESSENGER."

THIS is the title of what used to be known simply as *The Messenger*. It is our Church paper and has been known by the above title during the past year. It is a significant name—one every member of the Reformed Church will recognize as appropriate. It is verily the messenger of the Church, and bears to its readers the news and distinctive views of the Reformed Church. Its subscription price is two dollars per year in advance. A sample copy will convince any one that it is a live and interesting paper. Any number of specimen copies can be had upon application.

THE three notable prayers mentioned in the New Testament are these: 1. The prayer which Jesus taught His disciples to make, called the Lord's Prayer. 2. The intercessory prayer of Jesus for His disciples, recorded in the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel of John. 3. The prayer which Jesus made for Himself in the Garden of Gethsemane.

To do God's will—that's all
That need concern us; not to carp or ask
The meaning of it, but to ply our task
Whatever may befall;
Accepting good or ill as He shall send,
And wait until the end.

JULY,

7th Month 31 Days.

1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous Matter.	Sun		Sun HIGH WATER. h. m.
						sl. rises. m. h. m.	sets. h. m.	
Monday	1 H. Voes & J. Esch	2 Pet. 1: 12; 2: 3	9 58		10 ☉ in apogee ♄ ☽ ☾ ☿	3 4	36 7 24	3 49
Tuesday	2 Visit V. Mary	James 2:	10 32		2 ♃ south 11 25	4 4	37 7 23	4 35
Wednesday	3 Otto Bishop	" 3:	11 4		9 ♄ sets 9 24	4 4	37 7 23	5 39
Thursday	4 Ulrich	" 4:	11 34		24 ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	4 4	37 7 23	6 42
Friday	5 Lord Cobham	" 5:	morn.		8 ♄ ☽ Regulus sets 9 41	4 4	38 7 22	7 43
Saturday	6 John Huss	Jude	12 2		22 ♄ 6. ♀ rises 1 53	4 4	38 7 22	8 35

27] *Third Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Pet. 5: 6-11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.*

Sunday	7 Willibald	Acts 13: 1-12	12 37		5 ♄ Dog Days begin.	5 4	38 7 22	9 34
Monday	8 Kilian	" 13: 13-52	1 7		19 Antares south 9 11	5 4	39 7 21	10 33
Tuesday	9 Ephraim & Syr.	" 14:	1 39		2 ☿ ☽ ☾ ☿ gr. elong W.	5 4	39 7 21	11 32
Wednesday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 15:	2 30		15 ♄ ☽ Spica sets 11 25	5 4	40 7 20	12 30
Thursday	11 Placidus	" 16:	3 20		28 ☽ in Per. ♄ ☽ ☾ ☿	5 4	40 7 20	1 1
Friday	12 Henry II.	" 17: 1-14	♄ rises		11 ♄ gr. elong West ♄ rises 3 33	5 4	41 7 19	1 42
Saturday	13 Eugenius	" 17: 15; 18: 11	8 32		24 ♃ south 10 36	5 4	41 7 19	2 30

28] *Fourth Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 36 min.*

Sunday	14 Bonaventura	1 Thess. 1:	9 18		6 ♀ rises 1 49	5 4	42 7 18	3 12
Monday	15 Anserva	" 2: 1-16	9 58		18 Sirius rises 4 0	6 4	43 7 17	3 55
Tuesday	16 Anna Askew	" 2: 17; 3:	10 27		0 ♄ sets 8 47	6 4	43 7 17	4 38
Wednesday	17 Speratus and Eleven Co.	" 4:	10 57		12 Wega south 10 45	6 4	44 7 16	5 8
Thursday	18 Arnulf	" 5:	11 25		25 ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ☿	6 4	45 7 15	5 56
Friday	19 Louisa Henrietta	2 Thess. 1; 2: 1-12	11 55		4 ♄ 19. Antares south 8 26	6 4	45 7 15	6 49
Saturday	20 John Marteilh	" 2: 13; 3:	morn.		17 ♃ south 10 5	6 4	46 7 14	7 39

29] *Fifth Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Pet. 3: 8-15. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 26 min.*

Sunday	21 Eberhard	Gal. 1: 1-10	12 19		29 ♀ rises 12 10	6 4	47 7 13	8 22
Monday	22 Mary Magdalene	Acts 13: 12; 19: 1-10	12 49		12 Algenib south 4 7	6 4	48 7 12	9 3
Tuesday	23 Godfr. v. Hamele	Gal. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	1 27		26 ♄ ☽ ☾ ☿ in ♄ ☽ enters ♄	6 4	49 7 11	9 58
Wednesday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	2 20		7 ☽ in apo. ♄ rises 1 48	6 4	50 7 10	10 45
Thursday	25 James the Elder	" 3: 15	2 52		21 Spica sets 10 23	6 4	50 7 10	11 37
Friday	26 Christopher	" 4:	3 50		5 ♄ ☽ ☾ ☿ ☽ ☾ ☿	6 4	51 7 9	12 34
Saturday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 5: 6:	♄ sets		19 ♄ 27. ♄ ☽ ☾ Wega south 10 4	6 4	52 7 8	1 10

30] *Sixth Sunday after Trinity.* Matt. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 14 min.*

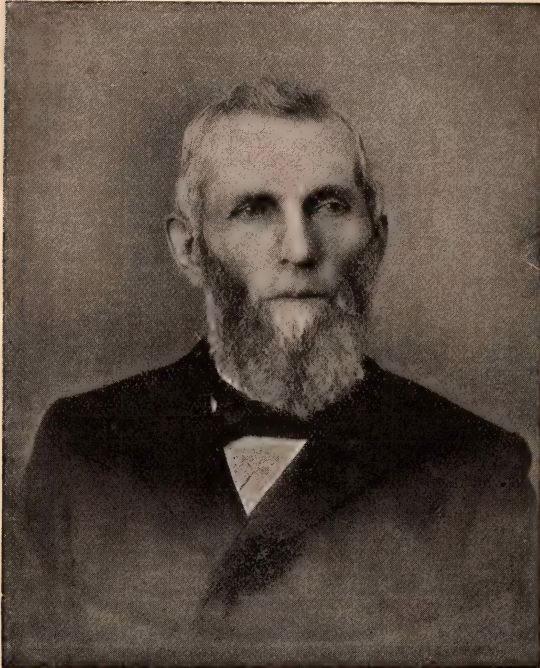
Sunday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach.	1 Cor. 1:	8 0		4 ♄ in Perihelion ♄ ☽ ☾	6 4	53 7 7	2 12
Monday	29 Olaus	" 2:	8 46		19 ♄ sets 8 2	6 4	54 7 6	3 4
Tuesday	30 John Wessell	" 3; 4: 1-4	9 16		4 ♄ greatest brilliancy	6 4	55 7 5	3 52
Wednesday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 4: 5; 5: 1-8	9 46		19 ♃ south 9 18	6 4	56 7 4	4 39

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	6th, 12 o'clock,	58 minutes,	noon.
Full Moon,	12th, 4 "	1 "	evening.
Last Quarter,	19th, 2 "	44 "	"
New Moon,	27th, 7 "	12 "	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

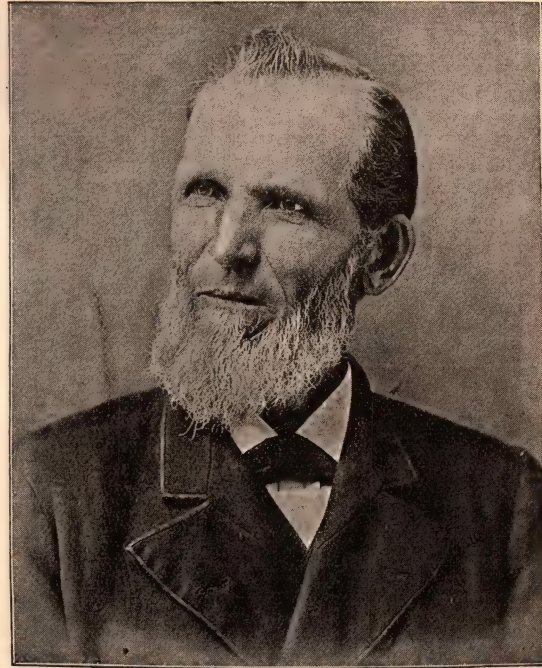
1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, warm; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, thunder;
11, 12, 13, fair and warmest days; 14, 15, cloudy; 16, 17,
rain; 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, clear; 26,
thunder; 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, cloudy; 31, very warm.



REV. PETER C. PRUGH, D. D.,
Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa.

ST. PAUL'S ORPHANS' HOME.

ST. PAUL'S ORPHANS' HOME is a brick building, substantially built, three stories high, with twenty-nine rooms, most of which are large and will accommodate one hundred persons. The main building was erected more than fifty years ago by Mr. McCall, a wealthy merchant of Philadelphia. It stands upon a beautiful lawn, surrounded with thirty acres of land. The Home has also a large brick school-house, two stories high, with ample room for one hundred children. The Institution was founded by the St. Paul's Classis in the year 1867, but was subsequently transferred to the Pittsburgh Synod. Its charter gives to children of deceased ministers and soldiers the preference. The children are not only educated in mind, but also taught to do manual labor on the farm. The government is strictly parental. It is as one family.



REV. JOHN RETTIG,
Superintendent of Reformed Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, Ind.

REFORMED ORPHANS' HOME.

THE Church was not mistaken when it established an Orphans' Home in our Western territory, nor did the Board of Managers err in its location. This is now most apparent in the success attained. The undertaking was not an easy one, as the only guarantee at hand consisted of promises. It required, therefore, unbounded faith in God and His people. When in the year 1884, the new building was completed, there remained an indebtedness of nearly \$9,000; in 1885, \$7,730; in 1886, \$5,580; and in 1887, \$3,850 remained unpaid. During this time, the Orphan family was provided for and many other expenses had to be met, such as out-buildings, stock, farm implements and general improvements. All the money for the real estate, \$20,000, came through a spontaneous flow of charity. The thankful tears of many widows and orphans have blessed and prospered this work of the Church.

AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER, Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 Maccabees	1 Cor. 5: 9; 6:	10 4		4 Wega south 9 46 Ω \cap	6 4	5 7	7 3	5 19
Friday	2 Mas. Under Nero	" 7:	10 40		18 Ψ δ γ Spica sets 9 41	6 4	5 8	7 2	6 5
Saturday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 8; 9:	11 2		2 φ rises 1 39	6 4	5 9	7 1	6 53

31] *Seventh Sunday after Trinity.* Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 00 min.*

Sunday	4 Leonard Käser	1 Cor. 10; 11: 1	11 36		16 4. Altair so. 10 47	6 5	0 7	0 7	4 3
Monday	5 Salzbg'g Evang.	" 11: 2	morn.		29 γ south 8 57	6 5	1 6	5 9	8 35
Tuesday	6 Transfiguration	" 12: 30	12 29		12 Markab south 3-4	6 5	2 6	5 8	9 26
Wednesday	7 Nonna	" 12: 31; 13:	1 37		25 φ δ \odot su- perior φ gr. Hel. Lat. N. \cup	6 5	3 6	5 7	10 23
Thursday	8 Hormisdas	" 14:	2 41		8 γ sets 7 25	5 5	4 6	5 6	11 22
Friday	9 Numidicus	" 15: 1-34:	3 51		20 γ in Per. Orion rises 2 5	5 5	5 6	5 5	12 21
Saturday	10 Laurentius	" 15: 35; 16:	γ rises		2 10. γ sets 1 15	5 5	6 6	5 4	1 35

32] *Eighth Sunday after Trinity.* Matt 7: 15-21; Rom. 8: 12-17. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 46 min.*

Sunday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	Acts 19: 11; 20:	7 50		14 φ δ γ Formal south 1 26	5 5	7 6	5 3	2 18
Monday	12 Ans. of Har'lb'g	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	8 18		26 φ rises 1 49	5 5	8 6	5 2	2 35
Tuesday	13 C'nt Zinzendorf	" 1: 23; 2:	8 50		8 Arctur sets 11 41	5 5	9 6	5 1	3 37
Wednesday	14 James Guthrie	" 3: 4: 1-6	9 17		20 δ rises 3 46	5 5	10 6	5 0	4 15
Thursday	15 Virgin Mary	" 4: 7; 5: 10	9 47		2 Spica sets 9 2	4 5	11 6	4 9	4 53
Friday	16 John of Saxony	" 5: 11; 6; 7: 1	10 18		14 γ δ \odot 7* rises 10 28	4 5	12 6	4 8	5 28
Saturday	17 John Gerhard	" 7: 2	10 54		26 γ sets 12 45	4 5	14 6	4 6	6 14

33] *Ninth Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 1-13. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 30 min.*

Sunday	18 Hugo Grotius	2 Cor. 8: *	11 24		8 18. Ψ δ γ Sirius rises	4 5	15 6	4 5	7 6
Monday	19 Sebaldu	" 9:	11 54		20 Dog Days end	4 5	16 6	4 4	8 2
Tuesday	20 Bernard of Clair	" 10:	morn.		3 φ rises 1 57	3 5	17 6	4 3	9 2
Wednesday	21 1st Morv. Miss.	" 11:	12 22		16 γ in apo. Arctur sets 11 17	3 5	18 6	4 2	9 47
Thursday	22 Symphorianus	12: 1-18	1 12		29 φ δ γ Libræ sets 10 33 \cap	3 5	19 6	4 1	10 37
Friday	23 Gasp. de Coligny	" 12: 19; 13:	1 37		13 δ rises 3 36 \odot enters η	3 5	21 6	3 9	11 17
Saturday	24 Bartholomew	Acts 20: 1-13	2 29		27 δ δ γ γ stationary	2 5	22 6	3 8	11 49

34] *Tenth Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 19: 41-47; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 14 min.*

Sunday	25 Louis IX.	Rom. 1: 1-17	3 47		12 γ δ γ Cappella rises 1 1	2 5	23 6	3 7	12 34
Monday	26 Ulfilas	" 1: 18-31	γ sets		27 26. Spica sets 8 26	1 5	24 6	3 6	1 22
Tuesday	27 Jovinian	" 2:	7 52		12 Ψ \square \odot φ δ γ	1 5	25 6	3 5	2 13
Wednesday	28 Aug. of Hippo.	" 3:	8 22		27 7* rises 9 44	1 5	27 6	3 3	2 52
Thursday	29 John Baptist B'd	" 4:	8 52		12 Ψ δ γ φ rises 2 9 Ω	1 5	28 6	3 2	3 41
Friday	30 Claude of Turin	" 5: 1-11	9 18		27 Altair south 9 10	0 5	29 6	3 1	4 26
Saturday	31 Aidan	" 5: 12-21	9 48		12 φ in γ γ sets 11 51	0 5	31 6	2 9	5 40

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	4th,	8	"	26	"	forenoon.
Full Moon,	10th,	11	"	42	"	evening.
Last Quarter,	18th,	5	"	51	"	morning.
New Moon,	26th,	9	"	0	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

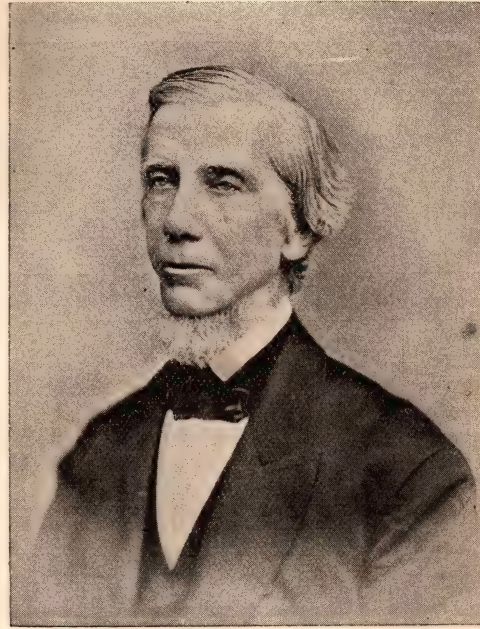
1, thunder; 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, 13, cloudy with rain; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, 25, rain; 26, variable; 27, 28, 29, fair; 30, 31, rain.

(γ). Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun on the 16th, and cannot be seen.

AUGUST.



C. Z. WEISER, D. D.,
President of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.



RUDOLPH F. KELKER, Esq.,
Treasurer of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.

1838. The Year of Jubilee. 1888.

THE Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States was organized on the 29th of September, 1838, at the meeting of the Synod held in Lancaster, Pa. Immediately upon the formation of the Board, five ministers arose and signified their willingness to sustain a missionary of the Cross in heathen lands.

The names of these servants of God and the amount given, are as follows:

Rev. Elias Heiner, Baltimore, Md.,	\$120 00
" Joseph F. Berg, Philadelphia, Pa.,	120 00
" Bernard C. Wolff, Easton, Pa.,	120 00
" Daniel Zacharias, Frederick, Md.,	120 00
" Daniel Ziegler, York, Pa.,	120 00
	\$600 00

These fathers in Israel have all fallen asleep, but their works do follow them.

Facts of Interest.

I.

For a period of twenty-five years, from 1840-1865, our Church was a regular contributor to the American Board of Foreign Missions. The first money was paid October 13, 1840, and the last money October 9, 1865. Total amount, \$27,986.99.

II.

The first monies received for Foreign Missions in our Church was October 23, 1838, from "The Sunday School Educational and Missionary Society for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church," Trenton, N. J., per Pastor Rev. John H. Schmaltz, \$4.00, and from the Rev. D. Hertz, pastor of the Ephrata Reformed Charge, Lancaster County, Pa., \$7.31½.

III.

The contributions for the first year, 1838,
(Continued on page 21.)

SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun HIGH WATER. h. m.
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35] *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 56 min.*

Sunday	1 Anna	Rom. 6:	10 13	26	♂ rises 3 34	05 32	6 28	6 53
Monday	2 Mamas	" 7:	10 58	9	♂ 2. Spica sets 7 9	05 33	6 27	7 43
Tuesday	3 Hildegard	" 8: 1-15	11 52	22	♂ 6 ♀. ♀ sets 2 25	15 34	6 26	8 35
Wednesday	4 Ida v. Herzfeld	" 8: 16-39	morn.	5	Achernar south 2 40	15 36	6 24	9 26
Thursday	5 John Mollio	" 9: 1-13	12 49	17	♂ in Per. ♀ rises 2 25	15 37	6 23	10 17
Friday	6 Matthias Weibel	" 9: 14-33	1 58	29	♂ stationary	25 38	6 22	11 10
Saturday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 10:	2 59	11	Rigel rises 11 32	25 39	6 21	11 57

36] *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.* Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 38 min.*

Sunday	8 Corbinian	Rom. 11:	4 10	23	♂ rises 3 28	25 41	6 19	12 22
Monday	9 Luigi Pasquali	" 12:	♂ rises	5	♂ 9. Sirius rises 2 26	35 42	6 18	1 10
Tuesday	10 Paul Seperatus	" 13:	7 25	17	♂ in Aphelion	35 43	6 17	1 57
Wednesday	11 John Brenz	" 14:	7 50	29	♂ sets 11 9	35 44	6 16	2 40
Thursday	12 Dionys's Pelon	" 15: 1-13	8 20	11	♀ in ♄ Algenib south 12 42	45 46	6 14	3 25
Friday	13 Wm. Farel	" 15: 14-33	8 56	23	♀ rises 2 34	45 47	6 13	4 7
Saturday	14 Cyprian	" 16:	9 19	5	Altair south 8 13	45 48	6 12	4 52

37] *Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 10: 23-27; Gal. 3: 16-22. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 20 min.*

Sunday	15 A. v. Grumbach	Acts 20:	9 55	17	♂ 6 ♀. ♀ rises 3 25	55 50	6 10	5 34
Monday	16 Euphemia	" 21:	10 35	29	♂ 16. Antares sets 9 7	55 52	6 8	6 22
Tuesday	17 Lambert	" 22; 23:	11 28	11	♂ in apo. Sirius sets 1 57	55 54	6 6	7 18
Wednesday	18 Ember Day	" 24; 25:	morn.	25	♂ sets 10 42	65 55	6 5	8 7
Thursday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 26:	12 22	8	♂ 6 ♀. Libræ sets 9 2	65 57	6 3	9 3
Friday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 27:	1 23	22	♂ gr. elong. East ♄ sets 6 48	65 58	6 2	9 47
Saturday	21 Matthew	" 28:	2 30	6	♀ 6 ♀. ♀ rises 2 51	75 59	6 1	10 40

38] *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 00 min.*

Sunday	22 Mauritius	Eph. 1: 1-14	3 39	20	♂ 6 ♀. ☉ enters ♈ Day and Night equal	76 06	0 11	40
Monday	23 Mt. of Geneva	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	4 51	6	Autumn Begins	86 25	58 12	43
Tuesday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 2: 11; 3:	♂ sets	20	♂ 24. Arietis south 1 49	86 35	57 1	23
Wednesday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 4: 1-17	6 48	6	♀ 6 ♀. ♄ 6 ♀. ♄ rises 10 26	86 45	56 2	9
Thursday	26 Lioba	" 4: 18:	7 27	21	♂ 6 ♀. Rigel rises 10 26	96 55	55 2	54
Friday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 5: 6: 1-9	7 59	6	♂ sets 10 9	96 65	54 3	38
Saturday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 6: 10	8 37	21	♀ rises 3 8	96 75	53 4	23

39] *Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 44 min.*

Sunday	29 St. Michael	Col. 1:	9 17	5	♂ rises 2 51	106 85	52 5	8
Monday	30 Jerome	" 2; 3: 1-4	10 7	18	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	106 95	51 6	0

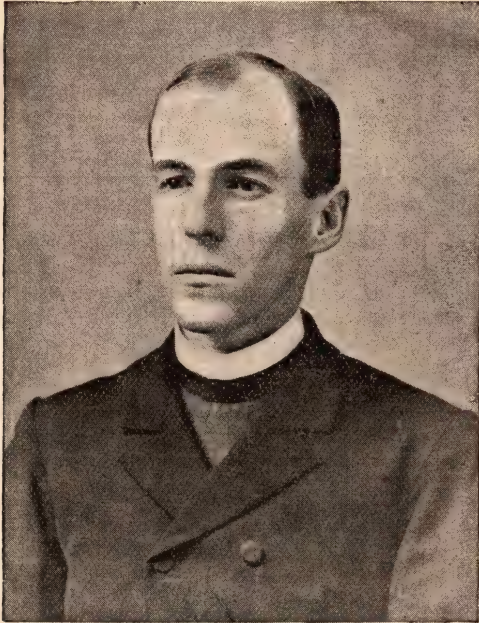
MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	2d,	2 o'clock,	34 minutes,	afternoon.
Full Moon,	9th,	8 "	52 "	forenoon.
Last Quarter,	16th,	11 "	48 "	evening.
New Moon,	24th,	9 "	41 "	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, clear; 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, 8, clear; 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, 25, rain and stormy; 26, 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, fair.

SEPTEMBER.



REV. A. R. BARTHOLOMEW,
Secretary of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.



MISS EMMA F. POORBAUGH,
Missionary located at Sendai, Japan.

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amounted to \$811.13½, and for the fiftieth year, 1888, \$20,000.

IV.

The Command.

"Go ye into *all* the world, and preach the Gospel to *every* creature."

The Promise.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

The Blessing.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever."



☛ You can not dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.—*Froude.*

OUR MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN.

Rev. A. D. GRING went out ten years ago. Is now in this country. Will return some time this year.

Rev. J. P. Moore, five years ago; now located at Yamagata, has charge of Young Men's School.

Rev. W. E. Hoy, three years ago; located at Sendai. Besides preaching, has a Theological Training School.

Miss L. R. Poorbaugh and Miss Mary B. Ault, three years ago; located at Sendai. Rev. Hoy and Miss Ault have since been married.

Rev. D. B. Schneder, over one year ago, located at Sendai, with Rev. W. E. Hoy.

Miss Emma F. Poorbaugh last year, located at Sendai; took Mrs. Hoy's place in Girls' School.









☛ THE way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear.

OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. Sun fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.	
Tuesday	1 Remigius	Col. 3 : 5 ; 4 :	11 2	 1	 l. ♄ ⁱⁿ ♃ ♌. ♀♊ ☽ =	106	115	49	6 47
Wednesday	2 Chr. Schmidt	Philemon	morn.	 14	 ♂ rises 3 13	116	125	48	7 27
Thursday	3 The two Ewalds	Philip 1 : 1–26	12 10	 26	♄ stationary	116	145	46	8 13
Friday	4 Franciscus	" 1 : 27 ; 2 :	1 17	8	♄ sets 9 45	116	155	45	9 12
Saturday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 3 : 4 :	2 27	 20	♀ rises 3 23	126	165	44	10 8








40] *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 7: 11-17; Eph 3: 13-21. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 26 min.*

Sunday	6 Henry Albert	1 Tim. 1 :	3 34 	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ rises 2 26	126 175 43 11 22
Monday	7 Theodore Beza	" 2 :	4 47 	14  δ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	126 195 41 12 35
Tuesday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 3 :	γ rises 	26  8. Antares γ $\frac{1}{2}$ Ω	126 205 40 1 30
Wednesday	9 Dionysius Areo	" 3: 14; 4: 10	6 41 	8 δ rises 3 5	136 215 39 2 13
Thursday	10 Justus Jonas	" 4: 11; 5: 16	7 12 	20 Markab south 9 55	136 235 37 2 53
Friday	11 U. Zwingli died	" 5: 17	7 43 	2 φ rises 3 35	136 245 36 3 12
Saturday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 6 :	8 19 	14 Ψ δ γ Andromeda $\frac{10}{51}$	146 255 35 4 30






41] *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-6. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 6 min.*

Sunday	13 Elizabeth Frey	Titus 1:	8 56	26 7 sets 9 15	146 27 5 33	4 48
Monday	14 Mich. Ridley	" 2:	9 37	9 Sirius rises 12 19	146 28 5 32	5 28
Tuesday	15 Aurelia	" 3:	10 27	21 ☿ ^{in apo.} ♄ ♂ ♃ ♅ ☾ ^{inferior}	146 29 5 31	6 10
Wednesday	16 Gallus	2 Tim. 1:	11 27	5 16. ♀ Perihelion. ☾ ⁱⁿ	156 31 5 29	6 49
Thursday	17 Rev. Edict of Nantes.	" 2:	morn.	18 ♄ rises 1 48	156 32 5 28	7 38
Friday	18 St. Luke Evang.	" 3:	12 22	2 Fr. Süd 9 20	156 33 5 27	8 32
Saturday	19 Bruno	" 4:	1 27	15 ♄ ♂ ♂ in ☊	156 35 5 25	9 22

42] *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Matt. 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 48 min.*

Sunday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi	Heb. 1:	2 36		29	♂ 6 ♀. ♂ rises 2 56	156 365 24 10 13
Monday	21 Hilarion.	" 2:	3 39		14	♀ 6 ♀. ♀ rises 3 41	156 375 23 10 59
Tuesday	22 Hedwig	" 3; 4:	4 42		29	Antares south 6 54	156 385 22 11 49
Wednesday	23 Henry Martin	" 5:	5 52		14	♂ 6 ♀ ♀ 6 ♀. ☉ ^{en-ter} ♄	166 395 21 12 37
Thursday	24 Arethas	" 6:	♃ sets		29	♂ 24. ♄ in Perihelion	166 415 19 1 8
Friday	25 John Herz	" 7:	6 42		14	♃ sets 8 37	166 425 18 1 52
Saturday	26 Frederick III.	" 8:	7 19		29	Rigel rises 9 32	166 435 17 2 28

43] *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Matt. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 32 min.*

Sunday	27	Frumentius	Heb. 9: 1-14	8 6 	13	☿ in Per. 7* south 1 36	166 44.5 16 3 27
Monday	28	Simon and Jude	“ 9: 15	9 3 	26	♄ ♄ ☿ ♄ rises 1 09 ☾	166 45.5 15 4 20
Tuesday	29	Alfred the Great	“ 10: 1-18	10 5 	9	Cappella south 2 38	166 46.5 14 5 17
Wednesday	30	Jacob Sturm	“ 10: 19	11 8 	22	☿ rises 4 17	166 48.5 12 6 3
Thursday	31	Reformation Fes.	“ 11:	morn. 	5	☾ 31. ♀ gr. elong West ♀ rises 6 2	166 49.5 11 6 58

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st,	8	o'clock,	33	minutes,	evening.
Full Moon,	8th,	8	"	25	"	"
Last Quarter,	16th,	7	"	37	"	"
New Moon	24th,	9	"	25	"	morning.
First Quarter,	31st,	3	"	30	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain; 3, fair; 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, fair; 14, cloudy; 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, variable; 19, 20 stormy and rain; 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, stormy and showers.

OCTOBER.

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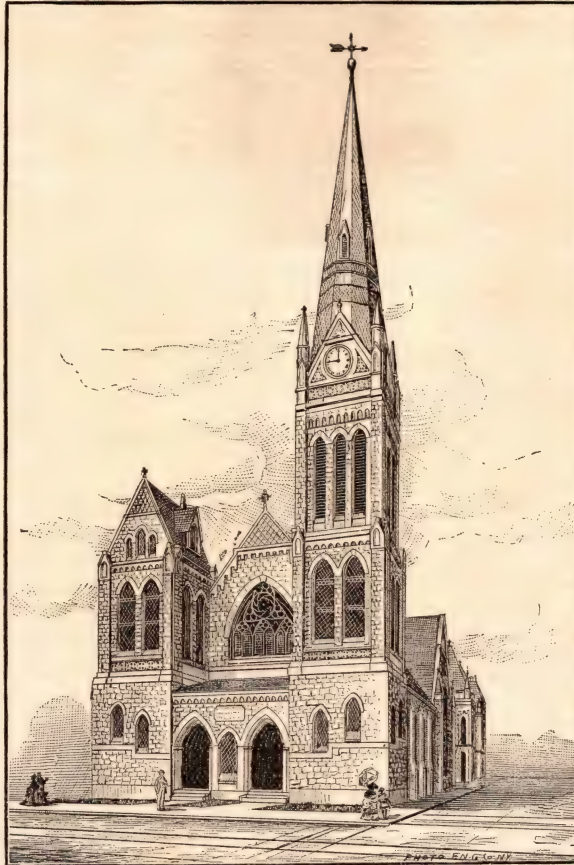
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






NOVEMBER,

11th Month, 30 Days.








1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 All Saints	Heb. 12:	12 44		17 2 sets 8 15 ☾	16 6 51 5	9 7 52	
Saturday	2 Victorinus	" 13:	1 48		29 8 gr. brilliancy ☿ ☽ ♀	16 6 52 5	8 8 49	








44] Fourth Sunday before Advent. Matt. 9: 18-26; Col. 1: 9-14. Day's Length, 10 hours, 14 min.

Sunday	3 Primitives	John 21: 1-23	2 26		11 8 gr. Hel. Lat. N.	16 6 53 5	7 9 48	
Monday	4 John A. Bengel	1 John 1: 2	3 47		23 8 rises 2 42 ☿	16 6 54 5	6 10 49	
Tuesday	5 Hans Egede	" 3:	4 48		5 2 rises 12 46	16 6 55 5	5 11 53	
Wednesday	6 Gustav. Adolph	" 4:	5 49		16 7* south 12 11	16 6 56 5	4 12 18	
Thursday	7 Willibrord	" 5:	6 rises		28 7. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	16 6 57 5	3 1 3	
Friday	8 Willehad	2 John	5 48		11 ☿ ☽ ♀ rises 4 36	16 6 58 5	2 1 49	
Saturday	9 John v. Staupitz	3 John	6 46		23 ☿ ☽ ♀ Orion rises 8 24	16 6 59 5	1 2 34	



45] Third Sunday before Advent. Matt 24: 15-28; 1 Thess 4: 13-18. Day's Length, 9 hours, 58 min.

Sunday	10 Martin Luther	Rev. 1:	7 35		6 Regulus rises 12 14	16 7 14 59	3 20	
Monday	11 Martin of Tours	" 2:	8 14		19 8 in Aphelion	16 7 24 58	4 6	
Tuesday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 3:	9 11		2 ☽ in apo. Altair sets 14 ☾	16 7 34 57	4 54	
Wednesday	13 Arcadius	" 4; 5; 6: 1-12	10 4		16 8 rises 2 27	16 7 44 56	5 52	
Thursday	14 Pet. Mart. Verm.	" 7; 8; 9:	11 2		28 ☾ Andromeda south 8 42	15 7 54 55	6 40	
Friday	15 John Kepler	" 9: 13; 10; 11:	morn.		12 15. 2 sets 7 32	15 7 64 54	7 36	
Saturday	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 12; 13:	12 29		26 8 ☽ ♀ rises 12 2	15 7 74 53	8 20	

46] Second Sunday before Advent. Matt. 25: 31-46; 1 Thess. 1: 3-10. Day's Length, 9 hours, 44 min.

Sunday	17 Bernward	Rev. 14: 1-13	1 32		10 Regulus rises 11 45	15 7 84 52	9 13	
Monday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	" 14: 14-20	2 37		24 8 ☽ ♀ rises 2 18	15 7 94 51	9 47	
Tuesday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 15:	3 38		9 Rigel rises 6 59 ☿	14 7 104 50	10 37	
Wednesday	20 John Williams	" 16: 1-8	4 40		24 8 ☽ ♀ rises 5 4 sets 10 23	14 7 104 50	11 32	
Thursday	21 Columbanus	" 16: 9	5 42		9 8 ☽ ♀ Altair	14 7 114 49	12 29	
Friday	22 J. Oecolampadius	" 17:	6 sets		23 22. ☾ enters 10 23	14 7 124 48	1 16	
Saturday	23 Clemens Roman	" 18:	5 48		7 2 sets 6 57	13 7 134 47	2 24	

47] Sunday before Advent. Matt. 25: 1-13; 2 Peter 3: 3-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 32 min.

Sunday	24 John Knox	Rev. 19: 1-10	6 44		21 ☽ in Per. ☿ ☽ ☾	13 7 144 46	3 30	
Monday	25 Catherine	" 19: 11; 20: 1-13	7 41		4 2 ☽ ♀ rises 11 2 ☾	13 7 154 45	4 28	
Tuesday	26 Conrad	" 20: 4	8 39		17 Rigel rises 6 29	12 7 164 44	5 20	
Wednesday	27 Marg't Blaarer	" 21: 1-8	9 37		0 8 in ☿. ♀ rises 11 21	12 7 164 44	6 8	
Thursday	28 Alex. Roussell	" 21: 9; 22:	10 35		13 ☾ Formal south 6 31	12 7 174 43	6 50	
Friday	29 Saturninus	Psalms 96:	11 33		25 29. 7* south 11 13	11 7 184 42	7 24	
Saturday	30 St. Andrew	" 196:	morn.		7 ☿ rises 5 26	11 7 184 42	8 3	

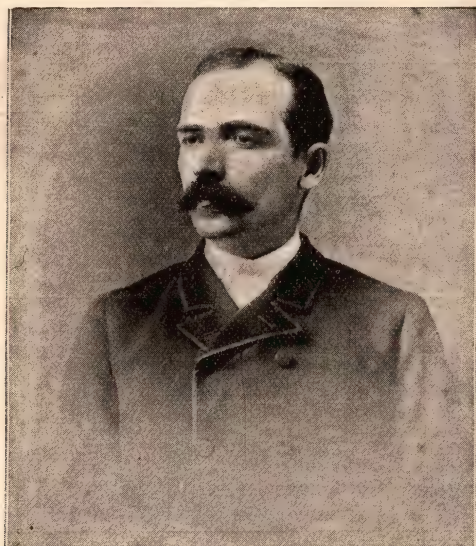
MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	7th,	11 o'clock,	5 minutes,	forenoon.
Last Quarter,	15th,	3 "	35 "	morning.
New Moon,	22d,	8 "	43 "	evening.
First Quarter	28th,	12 "	28 "	noon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, cold; 6, 7, 8, showers; 9, 10, cloudy; 11, 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, clear and cold; 16, 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, 29, cold and variable; 30, cloudy.

NOVEMBER.



REV. D. B. SCHNEDER AND WIFE,
Missionaries located at Sendai, Japan.

A GOOD MAN'S BENEVOLENCE.

GEORGE R. OSTER, a member of the Reformed Church, Bedford, Pa., died in 1881. He did not forget the congregation he loved. By his last will he gave:

To build a new Church,	\$4,000 00
" Parsonage,	3,000 00
For the support of a Pastor, an annuity of	2,000 00
For Sunday School Library,	150 00

"Though dead he liveth." He lives on the Church Register annually for \$200.

ANOTHER.

HON. JOB MANN died in Bedford, Pa., a few years ago. He gave by his last will, a valuable farm, to be used in aiding poor young men of Bedford County, who desire to prepare themselves for the Christian ministry. The farm was sold and now a fund of \$25,000, well secured, supports six students for the ministry.

Two good examples to follow!

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

EVERY year large bequests are made to the Church they love, by good people about to leave this world. And why should it not be so? What outlay has done one more good than the money one has given the Church? And how can one better show his gratitude than by providing for its continued good work when he is gone?

There are multitudes of church members who are able, when they leave the world, to provide all that their families need, and yet set aside a sum to bear fruit for God when they are singing the song of the ransomed before His throne. It is said of the blessed dead that "their works do follow them." May God put it into the hearts of many of His earthly stewards thus to remember His needy kingdom below when they are called to their reward above. Let your works follow you.

CAST in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse.

DECEMBER,

12th Month 31 Days.

1889.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. Sun fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
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48] *First Sunday in Advent.* Matt. 21: 8-11; Rom. 13: 1-14. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.*

Sunday	1 Eligius	John 1: 1-14	12 27		18 ☿ rises 2 16	11 7	19 4	41 8 37
Monday	2 John Ruysbrock	Gen. 2: 4-25	1 29		0 Altair sets 9 34	10 7	19 4	41 9 9
Tuesday	3 Gerhard Groot	Matt. 19: 1-12	2 30		12 ♃ sets 6 37	10 7	20 4	40 9 44
Wednesday	4 Gerh. v. Zutphen.	Eph. 5: 22-33	3 36		24 ♄ ♃ ♀ rises 5 40	9 7	20 4	40 10 40
Thursday	5 Crispin	1 Cor. 7:	4 41		7 ♄ rises 10 56	9 7	21 4	39 11 36
Friday	6 Nicholas	Gen. 3:	5 47		19 ☿ Sirius rises 8 42	9 7	21 4	39 12 21
Saturday	7 Paulus Odontius	" 8: 15 to 9: 17	♃ rises		2 ☿ ☉ in Ap- ferior ♄ in helion	8 7	22 4	38 1 23

49] *Second Sunday in Advent.* Luke 21: 25-33; Rom. 15: 4-13. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 min.*

Sunday	8 Mart. Rinkard	Acts 17: 15-34	5 42		15 7* south 10 39	8 7	22 4	38 2 11
Monday	9 Benj. Schmolek	Gen. 15:	6 31		28 Arietis south 8 52	7 7	23 4	37 2 59
Tuesday	10 Paul Eber	Deut. 3:	7 26		11 ♃ in apo. ♄ rises 2 10	7 7	23 4	37 3 49
Wednesday	11 Hen. v. Zutphen.	Exodus 12:	8 20		25 Morkab sets 12 32	6 7	24 4	36 4 39
Thursday	12 Spiridion	Deut. 27:	9 20		9 ♀ rises 5 58	6 7	24 4	36 5 27
Friday	13 Odilia	Romans 7:	10 19		23 ♄ ♃ ♄ rises 10 20	5 7	25 4	35 6 13
Saturday	14 Dioscorus	Leviticus 16:	11 20		7 ♄ stationary	5 7	25 4	35 6 58

50] *Third Sunday in Advent.* Matt. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	15 Christiana	Isa. 40: John 5:	morn.		21 ☿ 15. ♃ sets 5 55	4 7	25 4	35 7 52
Monday	16 Adelheid	1 Peter 1: 3-12	12 10		5 7* south 10 4 ♄	4 7	25 4	35 8 42
Tuesday	17 Sturm	2 Saml. 7:	1 27		19 ♄ ♃ ♄. ♄ ♃ ♄ rises 22	3 7	25 4	35 9 31
Wednesday	18 <i>Ember Day</i>	Joel 3:	2 34		3 ♄ rises 9 59	3 7	25 4	35 10 21
Thursday	19 Cl. Alexandrinus	Jer. 23:	3 47		17 Rigel south	2 7	25 4	35 11 13
Friday	20 Abraham	" 31:	4 57		1 ♀ rises 6 15	2 7	25 4	35 12 3
Saturday	21 Thomas	Isa. 52: 13; 53:	6 10		15 ☉ en- ters ♄. Shortest Day. ♄ ♃ ♄	1 7	26 4	34 12 48

51] *Fourth Sunday in Advent.* John 1: 19-34; Phil. 4: 4-7. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	22 Hugh McKail	John 3: 23-33	♃ sets		29 ☿ 22. ♃ in Per. Winter Begins	1 7	25 4	35 1 24
Monday	23 Anna du Bourg	Isa. 42:	6 3		12 ☿ ♄ ♃. ♃ sets 5 41	1 7	25 4	35 2 6
Tuesday	24 Adam and Eve	" 55:	7 14		25 ♄ ♃ ♄ Formal south 8 48	Sun 7	25 4	35 2 48
Wednesday	25 <i>Christmas</i>	Isa. 9: 2-7; Heb. 1:	8 26		8 ♄ rises 9 31	S'w 7	25 4	35 3 26
Thursday	26 Stephen	Psalms 2; 110:	9 25		21 ♄ ♃ ♄ Regulus rises 8 58	0 7	25 4	35 4 3
Friday	27 St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	10 40		4 ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	1 7	25 4	35 4 41
Saturday	28 Innocents	" 49:	11 48		15 Arietis south 7 30	2 7	25 4	35 5 19

52] *Sunday after Christmas.* Luke 2: 33-40; Gal. 4: 1-17. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.*

Sunday	29 David	Romans 8:	morn.		27 ☿ 29. ♀ rises 6 32	2 7	24 4	36 6 3
Monday	30 Christian of Wurtemberg	1 Cor. 8: 1-16	12 37		8 7* south 9 4	3 7	24 4	36 6 51
Tuesday	31 John Wicliff	Psalms 90:	1 32		20 ♄ rises 1 46	3 7	24 4	36 7 47

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	7th,	4 o'clock,	52 minutes, morning.
Last Quarter,	15th,	9 "	58 "
New Moon,	22d,	7 "	52 "
First Quarter,	29th,	12 "	16 "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, rain; 6, 7, clear; 8, 9, cold; 10, 11, 12, snow; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, 20, rain; 21, 22, stormy; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, snow; 28, 29, frosty; 30, 31, clear.

DECEMBER.

HOW TO RUN A CHURCH DOWN.

THIS is easy. Almost any one who chooses can do valiant work in this line.

1. It can be done by being irregular at Divine service, thus letting people see how little you think of the worship of God.

2. By sitting upright during the prayers, so as to advertise to others the fact that anyhow you are not a sinner, and have no faults to confess.

3. By *snubbing strangers*—this plan always works admirably.

4. By differing from everybody else in the Church, on every conceivable point, and holding on to your preference in spite of everything.

5. By never doing any church work, and by always finding fault when you are asked to help.

6. By never contributing, and by saying the pastor is always begging—this succeeds invariably, even when every other effort may fail.

THE CONFESSIONS OF THE WORLD,

AND THE TIME OF THEIR ISSUE.

1.	Augsburg Confession,	1530
2.	Gallican "	1559
3.	Belgic "	1561
4.	Heidelberg Catechism,	1563
5.	Second Helvetic Confession,	1566
6.	Canons of Dort,	1619
7.	Westminster Confession,	1647
8.	Waldensian "	1655
9.	Confession of Faith of the Calvinistic Methodists,	1823
10.	" Free Christian Church in Italy,	1870
11.	" the Spanish Christian Church,	1872
12.	" Free Church of Neuchâtel,	1874



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MILTON, PA.

Rev. F. C. Yost, Pastor.

HOLY CHRISTMAS.

THE day of the Christian year for children is Christmas! All are children in Christ. Old and young should be happy on this day. The gift of gifts, a Saviour, is theirs. He came on this hallowed day. Let all rejoice and in return give good gifts to Him and their fellow-men!

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.

IN this there is room for great improvement in our Church, though within a few years a number of Churches have been erected in which the hand of a skilled architect is visible. It pays to employ one. We call attention to the advertisement of J. W. B. Fry, in our Almanac, who has recently made plans for a number of our Churches.

He is in every way qualified. His work speaks for itself.

THE *Independent* published lately the following approximate statistics of the Churches of the United States:

"Churches, 138,885; ministers, 94,457; members, 19,790,323. The increase during the past year was: churches, 6,434; ministers, 4,505; members, 774,861. Of the total membership, 19,790,323, the Roman Catholic quota is 7,200,000; all others, 12,590,323."

In this enumeration the baptized children of the Roman Catholics are included. The same mode of counting would give the Protestants nearly three times the number they are credited with.

FORM FOR BEQUESTS.

IN making a bequest to one or more benevolent objects, it is important that a proper form be used; otherwise the intent of the testator may be defeated. Hence we suggest the following:

"I give and bequeath to the 'Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum ofdollars; to 'Franklin and Marshall College,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum ofdollars; to the 'Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church of the United States,' of which Elder W. H. Seibert, of Harrisburg, Pa., is at present Treasurer, the sum ofdollars; to the 'Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum ofdollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Rev. Charles G. Fisher is at present Treasurer, the sum ofdollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac,' of which Rev. William M. Deatrick is at present Treasurer, the sum ofdollars; to the 'Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburgh Synod,' of which Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher is at present Treasurer, the sum ofdollars; to the 'Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located in Philadelphia, Pa., the sum ofdollars; to the 'Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum ofdollars; to 'Bethany Orphans' Home,' located at Womelsdorf, Pa., the sum ofdollars; and to 'St. Paul's Orphans' Home,' located at Butler, Pa., the sum ofdollars. The several sums thus bequeathed to be used by the respective Associations for the general purposes of their organization."

THE WOMAN WHO LAUGHS.

For a good, every-day household angel give me the woman who laughs. Her biscuits may not be always just right, and she may occasionally burn her bread and forget to replace dislocated buttons, but for solid comfort all day and every day she is a very paragon. Home is not a battle field, nor life one long unending row. The trick of always seeing the bright side, or, if the matter has no bright side, of shining up the dark one, is a very important faculty; one of the things no woman should be without. We are not all born with the sunshine in our hearts, as the Irish prettily phrase it, but we can cultivate a cheerful sense of humor if we only try.—*Rural New-Yorker.*

THE UNION CHURCH IN JAPAN.


TWENTY-FOUR denominational Boards are represented in Japan. When a native becomes a believer, what Church shall he join? He sees and hears much to confuse him. Where shall he go? Who is right? The Roman Church is not so divided, and Protestantism is at a disadvantage.


To remedy all this, the Union movement was started, and is now well organized in what is called the Union Church of Christ in Japan.

The Reformed Church in the United States, the Reformed Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (North), the Presbyterian Church (South), the Scotch Presbyterians and the Woman's Missionary Society of New York are in this Union, and the Congregationalists are just about to enter it.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

IN 1730 there were in Pennsylvania about 15,000 Reformed people. About the year 1745, thousands of immigrants arrived in this country, and settled in the fertile valleys of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. They organized congregations, and were edified with singing and the school-master's reading of sermons and prayers. When Schlatter came, there were some forty-five Reformed congregations in existence. He placed the number of Reformed people at 30,000.

 TALENT is power, tact is skill. Talent is weight, tact is momentum. Talent knows what to do, tact knows how to do it. Talent makes a man respectable, tact will make him respected. Talent is wealth, tact is ready money. Talent is pleased that it ought to have succeeded, tact is delighted that it has succeeded. Talent toils for a posterity that will never repay it, tact throws away no pains but catches the passions of the passing hour. Talent builds for eternity, tact for a short lease, and gets good interest.—*Paul Chatfield.*

 Do to-day's duty, fight to-day's temptation, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things which you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND COUNTRIES.		Synods.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communi- cants.	Adherents.
*1	Reformed Church in the Province of Austria,	1	4	4	6,388	8,144
*2	Reformed Church in the Province of Bohemia,	1	56	53	4,843	6,250
*3	Reformed Church in the Province of Moravia,	1	25	34	2,200	3,900
*4	Reformed Church of the Helvetic Confession of Hungary,	5	1,909	3,261	200,000	30,000
5	Union of Evangelical Churches, Belgium,	1	19	88	3,923	8,000
6	Missionary Christian Reformed Church, Belgium,	1	24	88	4,396	5,100
7	Walloon Churches, Belgium and Netherlands,	21	814	86,000	101,000†	101,000†
8	Reformed Church of France,	4	44	59	3,272	4,300
9	Free Reformed Church of France,	1	7	9	2,400	4,000
10	Old Reformed Church of Bertheim, Germany,	1	5	3	440	1,000†
11	Free (Dutch) Church, Elberfeld,	1	7	9	2,593	3,000†
12	Reformed Church East of the Rhine, Germany,	1	7	9	30,000†	20,000†
13	Reformed Churches (Separatists), Germany,	1	7	9	800,000†	1,000,000†
14	Reformed Churches (in the Union), Germany,	10	1,611	1,349	200,000	350,000†
15	Reformed Church in the Netherlands, including Dutch Colonies,	10	321	415	70,000	100,000†
16	Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands,	10	321	415	1,200,000†	1,500,000†
17	Reformed (Cantonal) Churches of Switzerland,	1	3	4	14,608	20,000†
18	Free Church of Geneva,	1	78	27	8,128	10,000†
19	Free Reformed Evangelical Church of Neuchâtel,	1	78	27	8,128	10,000†
20	National Evangelical Reformed Church of the Canton of Vaud,	1	127	59	4,000	6,250†
21	Free Evangelical Reformed Church of the Canton de Vaud,	1	77	44	17,335	25,000
22	Waldensian Evangelical Church,	1	13	42	1,430	2,000
23	Free Christian Church of Italy,	1	16	21	840	1,500
24	Spanish Christian Church,	1	1	1	7,000	10,000†
25	Reformed Church in Russia,	1	1	1	14,608	20,000†
26	United Hanoverian Reformed Church,	1	1	1	150,000†	150,000†
27	Reformed Church in Algiers,	2	153	140	30,600	50,000†
28	Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa,	1	25	27	8,000	15,000†
29	Dutch Reformed Church in Orange Free State,	1	16	34	6,095	9,000†
30	Christian Reformed Church in South Africa,	2	17	25	6,445	9,000†
31	Dutch Reformed Church in Natal and Transvaal,	4	566	547	85,543	200,000
32	Reformed Church in America (<i>Dutch</i>),	1	10	13	317	500
33	Free Reformed Dutch Church,	1	44	70	8,157	15,000
34	Christian Reformed Church in America,	1	6	6	1,120	1,500†
35	Dutch Reformed Church, Surinam,	8	822	1,512	190,527	500,000†
36	Reformed Church in U. S. (<i>German</i>),	1	11	8	1,202	1,202
37	Reformed Church (<i>German</i>), Japan,†	1	11	8	1,202	1,202

* These four organizations compose the General Synod of the Reformed Church in Austria.

† Estimated.

‡ In United Church of Japan.

OUR WORK IN JAPAN—STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1888.

	Organized Churches.	Churches Self-Supporting.	Preaching Stations.	Baptized Adult-Converts.	Baptized Children.	Members rec'd by Letter.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Present Membership.				Boys' Schools.	Scholars in same.	Girls' Schools.	Scholars in same.	Sunday Schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological Schools.	Students of Theology.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.
									Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.													
TOKIO DISTRICT.																									
Nihon Bashi,	1	..	..	9	..	..	5	1	25	16	9	50	..	..	..	..	1	58	..	..	1	..	..	..	\$ 44 63
Oji,	1	..	..	2	1	..	10	..	17	17	4	38	..	..	..	..	1	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	17 60
Iwatsuki,	1	..	..	6	12	17	..	..	53	21	7	81	..	..	..	..	1	45	..	..	..	1	..	..	20 98
Matsubayashi and Noda,	1	1	..	1	3	..	14	..	18	9	8	35	..	..	..	..	1	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 20
Bancho,	1	1	..	48	..	39	..	..	78	44	2	124	..	..	..	..	1	95	..	1	1	1	..	..	405 00
SENDAI DISTRICT.																									
Sendai, Fukushima, Nakamura, Hobara, Iwanuma, Ishinomaki, Tome,	1	1	3	207	..	..	..	5	346	143	..	489	..	..	1	48	5	161	1	8	3	2	2	1	768 27
Furukawa,	1	..	..	61	..	..	..	..	73	25	..	98	1	78	..	..	1	93	..	..	..	1	..	1	155 81
Mombetsu,	1	..	..	31	..	..	1	..	42	16	..	58	..	..	..	..	1	58	..	..	..	1	..	..	67 55
Hakodate,	1	1	2	20	..	..	26	..	24	12	..	36	..	..	..	..	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 00
Mororan,	1	1	2	77	2	..	..	..	42	25	..	67	..	..	..	..	1	73	..	..	1	..	..	..	178 50
Yamagata,	1	1	2	77	2	..	..	..	67	34	2	103	..	..	..	..	1	30	..	..	1	..	..	..	210 00
Grand Total,	8	4	7	482	8	58	56	6	801	369	32	1202	2	161	1	48	16	719	1	9	7	7	2	2	\$1950 54

NECROLOGY.

FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1887, TO AUGUST 31st, 1888.

MARTIN, D. D., REV. GEORGE H.—Born, October 21st, 1816, at Emmitsburg, Md. Graduated at Marshall College, 1839, and at Theological Seminary, 1841. Licensed and ordained in 1842. First charge, Middlebrook, Va., six years; (2) Lovettsville, Va., seventeen years; (3) Woodstock, Va., nineteen years; (4) Timberville, Va., to day of his death. Married Esther Gailey in 1844. Had two sons, who, with widow, survive him. Died at Timberville, Va., September 18th, 1887, aged 71 years, 10 months and 28 days. Buried at Woodstock, Va.

DOLE, REV. ALBERT GALLATIN.—Born, September 22d, 1815, at Glassboro, N. J. First entered Rutgers College, then Marshall College, and Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa. Graduated in 1843; licensed and ordained soon after. First charge, Boonsboro, Md. six years; (2) Fairfield, O., one year; (3) Milton, Pa., thirteen years; (4) West Philadelphia, four years; (5) Shippensburg, Pa., three years; (6) Huntingdon, Pa., thirteen years. Retired 1885. Married, in early part of his first pastorate, Maria Jeffries, of Philadelphia, who, with five children—four daughters and one son—survives him. Died at Huntingdon, Pa., October 15th, 1887, aged 72 years and 23 days. Buried at Huntingdon, Pa.

MICHAEL, REV. J.—Born, in Champaign County, O., May 24th, 1819. In 1852 began preparations for the Gospel ministry. Was ordained 1857. First sent as missionary to Winamac, Ind.—was pastor there eleven years; (2) Liberty Centre, O., six years; (3) Winamac, Ind., three years. Retired in 1883. Died at Winamac, Ind., May 24th, 1887, aged 68 years, 6 months and 25 days. Buried at Winamac, Ind.

GOOD, D. D., REV. JEREMIAH HAACK.—Son of Philip Augustus and Elizabeth (Haack) Good. Born, November 23d, 1822, in Rehrersburg, Berks County, Pa. Graduated at Marshall College, 1842. Became Rector of Preparatory Department, Mercersburg, Pa. Graduated at Theological Seminary, 1846. First charge, Lancaster, O., two years; (2) Columbus, O., in connection with this became publisher and editor of *Western Missionary*, and resigned this in 1853. Whilst at Lancaster, conducted an Academy, and when in Columbus became professor in Theological School established there. Filled this position until 1851. In 1851 became Professor of Mathematics in Heidelberg College, then established in Tiffin, O., which he filled until 1869, when he was elected Professor of Dogmatic Theology in Seminary, Tiffin, O. Retired, because of ill health, as Seminary professor in 1887. Married Susan Hubbard Root in 1846, who, with one son, survives him. Died at Tiffin, O., January 25th, 1888, aged 65 years. Buried at Tiffin, O.

KIEFFER, D. D., MOSES.—Son of Christian Kieffer. Born, May 5th, 1814, in Franklin County, Pa. Attended Preparatory School at York, Pa. Graduated at Marshall College 1838, and Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa., 1840. Licensed and ordained 1840. First charge, Water Street, Pa., four years; (2) Hagerstown, Md., seven years; (3) Second Church, Reading, Pa., four years; (4) became Professor of Dogmatic Theology in Seminary, and also acted as President of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., which he filled thirteen years; (5) Presbyterian Church, Sandusky, O., two years; (6) Grindstone Hill Charge, near Chambersburg, Pa., two years; (7) Greencastle, Pa., three years; (8) Gettysburg, Pa., nine years. Retired till July, 1887, when he went to Sioux City, Iowa, to do pioneer missionary work, and whilst there was stricken down. Recovered sufficient to return east as far as Sandusky, O., where he died, February 3d, 1888, aged 73 years, 8 months and 28 days. Was a member of M. Kieffer & Co. who managed Publication's interests in Chambersburg, Pa., from 1848 to 1863. Married Miss ——— Smith, who died. Had four children, two dying before death of mother. Married Mrs. Barney in 1869, who, with two sons by first marriage, survives him. Buried at Sandusky, O.

HEISLER, D. D., REV. DANIEL YOST.—Born, June 1st, 1820, in Long Swamp Township, Berks County, Pa. Graduated at Marshall College, and left Theological Seminary 1845. Was licensed and ordained same year. First charge, Fannetsburg, Pa., one year; (2) Columbia, Pa., four years; (3) Lewisburg, Pa., three years; (4) Hummelstown, Pa., three years; (5) Sunbury, Pa., two years; (6) Bethlehem, Pa., eight years; (7) Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, three years; (8) Mont Alto, Pa., eight years; (9)

Grace Mission, Easton, Pa., nine years. Retired in 1886. Married Leah Reber in 1852, who, with one son, survives him. Died February 5th, 1888, aged 67 years, 8 months and 4 days. Buried at Lewisburg, Pa.

DECHANT, REV. FREDERICK W.—Son of Rev. John Jacob Dechant. Born, December 25th, 1814, in Macungie, Pa. Entered Marshall College, then Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa. Graduated in latter, 1846. Licensed and ordained same year. First charge, Somerset, O., eight years; (2) Bluffton, Ind., four years; (3) Harmony, seven years; (4) Egg Harbor City, N. J. Since 1881 resided in Reading, Pa., without charge, and since 1887 was Chaplain of Berks County Alms House. Married Angeline Boyer in 1846, who, with two sons and two daughters, survives him. Died in Reading, Pa., February 17th, 1888, aged 73 years, 1 month and 23 days. Buried at Reading, Pa.

COMFORT, REV. HENRY IRVING.—Son of Daniel and Elizabeth Comfort.—Born, November 19th, 1830, in Adams County, Pa. Graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, 1857. After one year in Theological Seminary was licensed and ordained. First charge, Mechanicstown, Md., eight years; (2) Germantown, O., one year; (3) Burkittsville, Md., four and one-half years; Grindstone Hill Charge, eight years; (5) Bloomfield, O., one year; (6) St. Paris, O., six months. Two years in Frederick, Md., without charge. (7) Burkittsville, Md., two years. Retired because of ill health. Was three times married, last time to a daughter of Rev. W. F. Colliflower, who survives him with three sons and three daughters, the eldest son being of the first wife. Died at Burkittsville, Md., February 18th, aged 57 years and 6 months. Buried at Frederick, Md.

STRASSBURGER, D. D., REV. N. S.—Son of Rev. J. N. and Caroline (Stout) Strassburger.—Born, August 7th, 1819, at Sellersville, Pa. Graduated at Marshall College, 1844, and at Theological Seminary, 1847. Licensed and ordained 1847. First charge, Friedensburg, Pa., seven years; (2) Pottstown, nine years; (3) Zion's, Allentown, Pa., eighteen years. Retired and resided at Allentown. Married Miss Dickensied, who, with one daughter, survives him. Died June 27th, 1888, aged 68 years. Buried at Pottstown, Pa.

RIEDEL, REV. DANIEL.—Born, August 2d, 1808, in York County, Pa. Studied in York, Pa., and read theology with Rev. Jonathan Oswald, D. D., Lutheran pastor at York, Pa. Licensed and ordained in 1839. First and only charge, Dillsburg, Pa., fifty years. Married Maria L. Peters, who, with one son, survives him. Died, at Dillsburg, Pa., July 4th, 1888, aged 79 years, 11 months and 3 days. Buried at Franklin Church, Pa.

MAYER, REV. ADOLPH J.—Born, February 14th, 1861, in Hoboken, N. J. Entered Heidelberg College, and graduated at Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O., 1887. Licensed and ordained same year. First and only charge North Lima, O., one year. Married Viola Griffiths in 1887, who survives him. Died at North Lima, O., July 9th, 1888, aged 27 years, 4 months and 25 days. Buried at North Lima, O.

WIEHLE, D. D., JOHANN GOTTLÖB.—Son of Johann Gottlob and Anna Maria Wiehle. Born, January 30th, 1817, at Konschnitz, Prussia. Studied in various institutions in Silicia, Prussia. First charge, U. S. German Evan. Church, Portsmouth, O., four years; (2) Salem (German) Church, Philadelphia, Pa., until October, 1881, when he became pastor primarius of that church. Married Christiana Gebauer, 1845, who, with a son, C. A. Max Wiehle, M. D., survives him. Died in Philadelphia, July 17th, 1888, aged 71 years, 5 months and 18 days. Buried in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

KORTHEUER, D. D., REV. H. R.—Born, November 23d, 1818, at Coblenz, Prussia. Received a liberal education. In 1840 became teacher at Monsingen, and continued there ten years. Studied theology and prepared for missionary work in America during that time. In 1855 came to this country and finished his studies under Dr. Bossard. Was licensed and ordained in 1857. First charge, Findlay, O., two years; (2) Terre Haute, Ind., five years; (3) Independent congregation, Massillon, O., twelve years; (4) Professor in Calvin Institute, Cleveland, O., six months; last charge, Bucyrus, O., eleven years. Married Melvina Zimmerman in 1846, who died in 1887. Died at Bucyrus, O., August 5th, 1888, aged 69 years, 8 months, and 22 days. Buried at Bucyrus, O.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH

FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1887, TO AUGUST 31st, 1888.

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| <p>1887.</p> <p>Sept. 1—Opening of the Fall Term of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Address by Prof. J. B. Kieffer; subject, "The American Student."</p> <p>" 4—Dedication of "Beulah Reformed Church," Ligonier, Valley, Pa., Rev. C. M. Hartzell, pastor.</p> <p>" " Dedication of Zion's Reformed Church, Pa., Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, pastor.</p> <p>" " Laying corner-stone of St. John's Reformed Chapel, Wapwallopen, Pa., Rev. S. S. Kohler, pastor.</p> <p>" " Laying corner-stone of St. John's Church, Milton, Pa., Rev. F. C. Yost, pastor.</p> <p>" 7—Meeting of the German Synod of the East, in Salem's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Rev. A. E. Dahlman, President, and Rev. C. Borchers, Stated Clerk.</p> <p>" " Laying corner-stone of new church, Hickory, N. C., Rev. Lewis Reiter, pastor.</p> <p>" 8—Laying corner-stone of new church, Newton, N. C., Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., pastor.</p> <p>" 9—Opening of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.</p> <p>" 10—Laying corner-stone of new church at Glencoe, Pa., Rev. C. H. Reiter, pastor.</p> <p>" 11—Laying corner-stone of Salem Church, Waynesboro Charge, Pa., Rev. F. F. Bahner, pastor.</p> <p>" 17—Laying corner-stone of new church at Bethany Station, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Rev. H. S. Garner, pastor.</p> <p>" 18—Laying corner-stone of Zwingli Reformed Church at Souderton, Pa., Rev. J. G. Dengler, pastor.</p> <p>" " Death of Rev. G. H. Martin, D. D., Timber-ville, Va.</p> <p>" 21—Meeting of Woman's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Synod, at Pittsburgh, Pa.</p> <p>" " Annual Meeting of the Central Synod, Cleveland, O., Rev. J. Dahlman, D. D., President, and Rev. J. Bachman, Stated Clerk.</p> <p>" 24—143d Anniversary of the Reformed Church at Brickerville, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. D. C. Tobias, pastor.</p> <p>" 28—Annual Meeting, Synod of Pittsburgh, Green-ville, Pa., Rev. S. Z. Beam, President, and Rev. J. M. Schick, Stated Clerk.</p> <p>" 29—Organization of Synod of Interior, Kansas City, Mo., Rev. D. S. Fouse, President, and Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk.</p> | <p>1887.</p> <p>Oct. 2—Dedication of St. Paul's Church, Kansas City, Mo., Rev. R. L. Gerhart, pastor.</p> <p>" 11—Annual Meeting of Potomac Synod, Me-
chanicsburg, Pa., Rev. J. A. Hoffheins,
President, and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D.,
Stated Clerk.</p> <p>" 15—Death of Rev. Albert G. Dole, Huntingdon, Pa.</p> <p>" 19—Annual Meeting of Synod of United States,
Sunbury, Pa., Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D.,
President, and Rev. J. P. Stein, Clerk.</p> <p>" 23—Dedication of Church, Somerset, Pa., Rev. H.
King, pastor.</p> <p>" 25—Annual Meeting of Synod of Ohio, Lancaster,
O., Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., President,
and Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Stated Clerk.</p> <p>" 30—Dedication of Nevin Memorial Church,
Clarion Co., Pa., Rev. R. F. Gass, pastor.</p> <p>Nov. 4—Laying corner-stone at Lewistown, Ills., Rev.
G. E. Metger, pastor.</p> <p>" 10—Purchase and lease of the property of the
Publication Board of the Reformed Church
in United States, to Rev. Chas. G. Fisher.</p> <p>" 13—Dedication of Grace Trinity Reformed Church,
near Frederick City, Md., Rev. A. Shulen-
berger, pastor.</p> <p>" 29—Sailing of Rev. D. B. Schneder and wife as
Missionaries to Japan, from San Francisco,
Cal.</p> <p>Dec. 14—Resignation of Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D., as
Editor-in-Chief of "The Messenger."</p> <p>" 19—Death of Rev. J. Michael, Winamac, Ind.</p> <p>" 27—Marriage of Rev. W. E. Hoy and Miss Mary
B. Ault, missionaries at Sendai, Japan.</p> <p>" 30—Formal transfer of property of Publication
Board to Rev. Chas. G. Fisher; the busi-
ness to be conducted under the name of
REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION HOUSE.</p> <p>1888.</p> <p>Jan. 4—THE MESSENGER, organ of the Church East,
appeared in quarto form under the name
of <i>Reformed Church Messenger</i>, and edited
under the direction of the Editorial Com-
mission appointed by the Synods.</p> <p>" 25—Death of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., late Pro-
fessor of Theology in Theological Seminary,
Tiffin, O.</p> <p>" 31—Election of Miss Emma F. Poorbaugh, as
lady missionary to Sendai, Japan.</p> <p>Feb. 3—Death of Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., San-
dusky, O.</p> |
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PRINCIPAL EVENTS—Continued.

1888.

- Feb. 5—Death of Rev. D. Y. Heisler, D. D., Easton, Pa.
 " 17—Death of Rev. F. W. Dechant, Reading, Pa.
 " 18—Death of Rev. H. I. Comfort, Burkittsville, Md.
 April 3-4—Conference on Union between Reformed Church in America, and Reformed Church in United States, in Philadelphia, Pa.
 " 8—Dedication of Zion's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., Rev. E. A. Gernant, pastor.
 " 15—Dedication of Grace Reformed Church, York, Pa.
 May 1—Commencement of Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O. *Three* graduates.
 " 2—Election of Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., Professor of Didactic Theology, Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O.
 " 10—Anniversary of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; *eight* graduates.
 " 17—Dedication of new church, Overton, Pa.
 " 19—Laying corner-stone of church, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Rev. C. R. Ferner, pastor.
 " 20—Dedication of St. John's Church, Milton, Pa., Rev. F. C. Yost, pastor.
 " 22—Laying corner-stone of a church, Shannondale, Pa., Rev. R. F. Gass, pastor.
 " 26-27—Reunion and Quadro-Centennial of Whitehill Church, Mickle's, Lehigh Co., Pa., Rev. W. R. Hofford, D. D., pastor.
 " 27—Dedication of Grace Church, Mann's Choice, Rev. S. C. Long, pastor.
 June 10—Farewell Services of Miss Emma F. Poorbaugh, lady missionary to Sendai, Japan, Berlin, Pa.
 " " Dedication of Church, Glencoe, Pa., Rev. C. H. Reiter, pastor.
 " " Dedication of Emanuel's Church, near Numedia, Pa., Rev. G. B. Dechant, pastor.
 " 13—Commencement of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O.; *twenty-four* graduates.
 " 14—Commencement of Mercersburg College, Mercersburg, Pa.
 " " Annual Commencement of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.; *seventeen* graduates.
 " 17—Dedication of Zwingli Reformed Church, Souderton, Pa., Rev. J. G. Dengler, pastor.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS—Continued.

1888.

- June 20—Commencement of Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa.; *nine* graduates.
 " 27—Commencement of Greensburg Female Seminary, Greensburg, Pa.; *two* graduates.
 " " Commencement of Allentown Female College; *ten* graduates.
 " " Death of Rev. N. S. Strassburger, D. D., Allentown, Pa.
 " 28—Commencement of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.; *eight* graduates.
 " 29—Closing Exercises of Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rimersburg, Pa.
 July 9—Death of Rev. Daniel Riegel, Dillsburg, Pa.
 " " Arrival of Miss Emma F. Poorbaugh at Yokohama, Japan.
 " " Death of Rev. Adolph J. Meyer, North Lima, O.
 " 11-14—Reunion of Mercersburg College Students, Mercersburg, Pa.
 " 15—Dedication of Trinity Church, Berlin, Pa., Rev. A. R. Kremer, pastor.
 " 17—Death of Rev. John G. Wiehle, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.
 August 5—Death of Rev. H. R. Korthüer, Bucyrus, O.
 " " Laying corner-stone of St. Peters Church, Hobbie, Pa., Rev. S. S. Kohler, pastor.
 " 7—Opening of Fall Term of Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rimersburg, Pa.
 " 7-13—Second Annual Retreat at Mercersburg, Pa.
 " 12—Laying corner-stone of Calvary Reformed Church, Reading, Pa.,
 " " Laying corner-stone of Second Church, Tiffin, O., Rev. H. Rust, D. D., pastor.
 " " Dedication of Trinity Church, Herndon, Pa., Rev. A. R. Hottenstein, pastor.
 " " Dedication of Zwingli Church, Monticello, Iowa, Rev. H. Bruengger, pastor.
 " 19—Dedication of St. John's Chapel, Wapwallopen, Pa., Rev. S. S. Kohler, pastor.
 " 23—Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., Rev. T. M. Yundt, Supt.
 " 30—Anniversary of Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. J. Rettig, Supt.

ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
BETHANY	Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.	REV. T. M. YUNDT	77
ST. PAUL'S	Butler, Butler County, Pa.	REV. P. C. PRUGH	92
REFORMED	Fort Wayne, Ind.	REV. J. RETTIG	54
ZOAR	Detroit, Mich.	REV. WM. HANSEN	44

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Form of Constitution for Congregational Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of _____ Reformed Church at _____, whose object shall be to advance the cause of missions.

ARTICLE II.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to serve one year.

ARTICLE III.

These officers, together with the Pastor as Chairman, shall be an Executive Committee, whose duty shall be: to arrange the program for monthly meetings and anniversary services, to examine and approve all readings, recitations, essays and reports, before they are given in public, and to carry out any instructions given by the Society.

ARTICLE IV.

This Executive Committee shall divide the congregation into several districts, and appoint two persons over each district as collectors, whose duty shall be to secure the names of new members, to collect every month the offerings of all the members and of others who may be monthly contributors, to report their work at each regular meeting and pay over their collections to the Treasurer. These collectors shall serve four months.

ARTICLE V.

Each member shall give as God has prospered him, but not less than five cents a month.

ARTICLE VI.

The Society shall meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, the Pastor conducting or directing the devotional services, and the President presiding the remainder of the time.

ARTICLE VII.

The program for the regular meetings shall include singing, prayer, reading the Scriptures, reading the minutes, recitations, readings, addresses, report of the collectors, the offerings of those who have not otherwise given, unfinished business, new business.

ARTICLE VIII.

The money raised by this society shall be given only to the work of missions.

ARTICLE IX.

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous regular meeting.

MEETING OF THE CLASSES.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
SYNOD OF UNITED STATES.		
EAST PENNSYLVANIA	Grace Chapel, Easton, Pa.	May 28th, 1889
" SUSQUEHANNA	Catawissa, Pa.	June 13th, "
GOSHENHOPPEN	Pottstown, Pa.	May 3d, "
LANCASTER	Manheim, Pa.	" 20th, "
LEBANON	Birdsboro', Pa.	June 13th, "
LEHIGH	Trexlerstown, Pa.	May 21st, "
PHILADELPHIA	St. Matthew's Church, Chester Co., Pa.	" 30th, "
SCHUYLKILL	Tamaqua	June 17th, "
TOHICKON	Doylestown, Pa.	May 31st, "
WEST SUSQUEHANNA	New Berlin, Pa.	" 15th, "
WYOMING	Watsontown, Pa.	June 12th, "
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.		
ALLEGHENY	Wilkinsburg, Pa.	May 16th, 1889.
CLARION	Plum Creek, Pa.	" 22d, "
ST. PAUL'S	Zion's Church, Shenango Charge, Pa.	" 30th, "
SOMERSET	Shanksville, Pa.	" 29th, "
WESTMORELAND	Manor Dale, Pa.	June 12th, "
SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.		
CARLISLE	Marysville, Pa.	June 27th, 1889.
GETTYSBURG	McKnightstown, Pa.	May 15th, "
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MARYLAND	Keedysville, Md.	" 23d, "
MERCERSBURG	Waynesboro, Pa.	" 9th, "
NORTH CAROLINA	Brick Church, N. C.	" 1st, "
PORTLAND—OREGON . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
SAN FRANCISCO . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
VIRGINIA	Rinkerton, Va.	May 22d, 1889.
ZION'S	Quickel's Church, York Co., Pa.	" 17th, "
SYNOD OF OHIO.		
EASTERN OHIO	Paris, O.	May 9th, 1889.
LANCASTER	Rushville, O.	" 9th, "
MIAMI	Lewisburg, O.	" 14th, "
ST. JOSEPH	Bellevue, O.	May 16th, 1889.
TIFFIN	Canton, O.	June 6th, "
TUSCARAWAS . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
SYNOD OF THE NORTH WEST.		
CHICAGO	Chicago	June 11th, 1889.
INDIANA	Terre Haute, Ind.	May 1st, "
MILWAUKEE	Waukesha, Wisc.	June 12th, "
MINNESOTA	St. Paul, Minn.	June 12th, "
MISSOURI	Neosho, Mo.	Aug. 8th, "
NEBRASKA	Yutan, Neb.	June 13th, "
SHEBOYGAN	Manitowoc, Wis.	" 13th, "
SOUTH DAKOTA	Rohrbach, Dakota Territory	" 14th, "
URSINUS	Horn, Iowa	" 13th, "
ZION'S . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
CENTRAL SYNOD.		
CINCINNATI	Millville, O.	May 9th, 1889.
ERIE	Ceylon, O.	" 23d, "
HEIDELBERG	Findlay, O.	June 13th, "
ST. JOHN'S	Rogersville, O.	" 13th, "
GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.		
NEW YORK	Brooklyn, East New York, N. Y.	June 18th, 1889
GERMAN MARYLAND	St. John's Church, Baltimore, Md.	May 8th, "
" PHILADELPHIA	Zion's Church, Reading, Pa.	June 18th, "
WEST NEW YORK	Buffalo, N. Y.	" 27th, "
" PENNSYLVANIA	St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.	" 13th, "
SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.		
IOWA	Lone Tree, Ia.	Oct. 19th, 1888.
KANSAS	Topeka, Kas.	May 23d, 1889.
N. ILLINOIS	Forreston, Ills.	" 22d, "
WICHITA	Iola, Kan.	" 9th, "

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures of N.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions.	
						Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Synod of U. States,	11	222	466	80,470	46,430	5,595	467	4,304	2,007	65,505	1,072	4	651	2,399	548	52,623	72	\$60,931 00	325,248 00
Synod of Ohio,	6	111	233	18,678	5,267	816	560	1,262	671	14,645	444	9	529	315	209	17,727	26	13,203 00	84,010 00
Synod of N. West,	9	118	167	15,635	11,398	1,431	7	945	848	11,237	207	15	334	342	163	8,527	21	13,573 00	66,894 00
Synod of Pittsburgh,	5	60	129	13,051	9,212	833	116	719	426	10,593	326	1	261	235	98	7,621	17	11,308 00	54,079 00
Synod of Potomac,	10	147	292	30,818	19,463	1,766	270	1,637	750	26,185	569	2	274	722	251	21,899	35	30,366 00	116,321 00
Ger. Sy'd of the East	5	47	42	12,708	7,625	2,090	11	733	597	9,734	49	2	268	430	46	8,704	8	6,228 00	76,106 00
Central Synod,	4	79	115	16,589	10,503	1,115	40	822	642	12,448	209	5	399	371	100	9,910	25	8,769 00	67,190 00
Sy'd of the Interior,	4	39	68	2,578	1,518	127	29	120	110	1,927	41	0	44	38	49	2,702	3	2,924 00	51,443 00
Total, 8 Dist Synods,	54	823	1,512	190,527	111,416	13,743	1,500	10,542	6,051	152,274	2,917	38	2,760	4,852	1,464	129,713	207	\$147,297 00	\$841,291 00

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BEING A TRIENNIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE LAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

	1866	1869	1872	1875	1878	1881	1884	1887
Synods,	2	3	4	6	6	6	7	7
Classes,	29	31	35	44	45	48	52	54
Ministers,	485	526	586	631	710	762	783	802
Congregations,	1,144	1,179	1,312	1,342	1,369	1,403	1,465	1,481
Members,	109,925	117,910	130,299	142,872	147,788	161,002	169,530	183,980
Members Unconfirmed,	69,765	68,362	73,288	87,120	90,993	96,147	103,112	108,729
Baptisms, given year,	11,175	12,776	12,487	13,500	13,203	14,309	13,682	15,940
Baptisms, in 3 years,	33,638	36,117	38,605	41,272	40,943	43,750	41,825	46,553
Confirmed, given year,	6,845	7,068	7,462	8,766	8,456	9,113	9,233	10,733
Confirmed, in 3 years,	16,756	20,183	23,247	25,233	26,753	28,240	27,223	30,558
Certificate, given year,	2,421	3,592	3,369	3,733	3,716	4,113	5,043	5,582
Certificate, in 3 years,	6,205	8,779	9,889	10,912	11,184	12,263	14,046	16,472
Communed,	91,547	96,728	109,507	116,000	120,681	132,709	136,897	146,436
Dismissed, given year,	1,244	1,637	1,454	1,725	1,566	2,249	2,122	2,551
Dismissed, in 3 years,	2,975	4,459	4,762	5,000	5,185	5,791	5,819	7,250
Excommunicated or Erased, given year,	196	144	318	387	174	1,626	1,767	2,419
Excommunicated or Erased, in 3 years,	500	528	722	920	1,711	4,436	5,578	6,469
Deaths, given year,	4,207	3,773	4,425	4,494	4,887	4,591	4,787	4,638
Deaths, in 3 years,	13,486	11,186	12,594	12,000	14,102	14,492	15,292	14,207
Sunday-Schools,	939	1,020	1,021	1,220	1,237	1,346	1,378	1,422
Sunday-School Scholars,	34,000	49,000	63,038	75,868	89,982	103,511	114,720	122,695
Students for Ministry,			75	123	157	141	145	186
Beneficial Contributions, given year,	\$60,977	\$74,453	\$86,650	\$79,680	\$61,727	73,400	101,148	\$ 141,122
Beneficial Contributions, in 3 years,	202,718	228,818	247,387	253,766	207,417	194,869	327,899	382,493
Congregational Purposes, given year,				310,000	531,929	630,189	779,572	804,321
Congregational Purposes, in 3 years,				700,000	1,305,905	1,738,213	2,193,018	2,298,228

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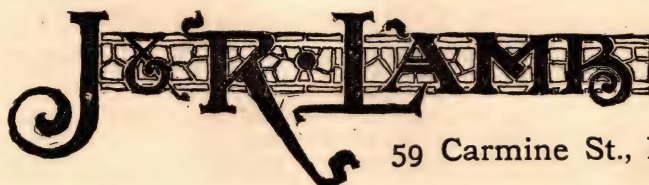
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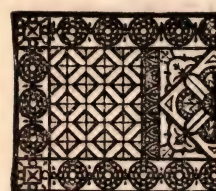
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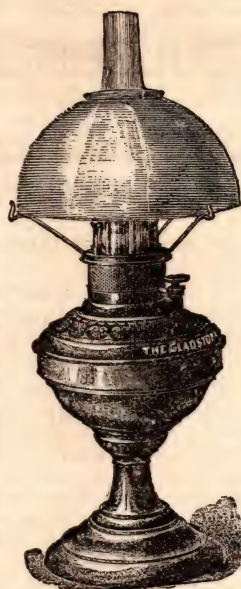
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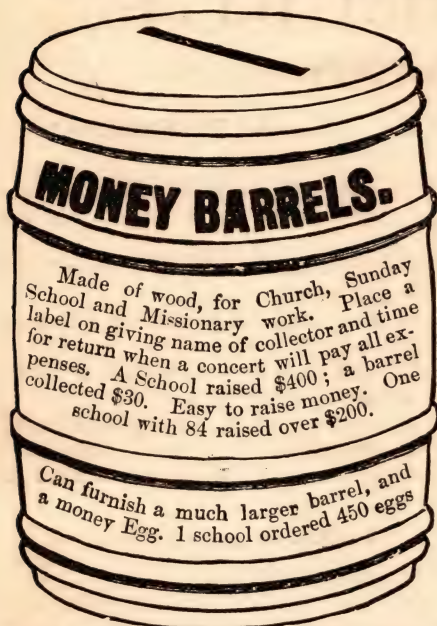
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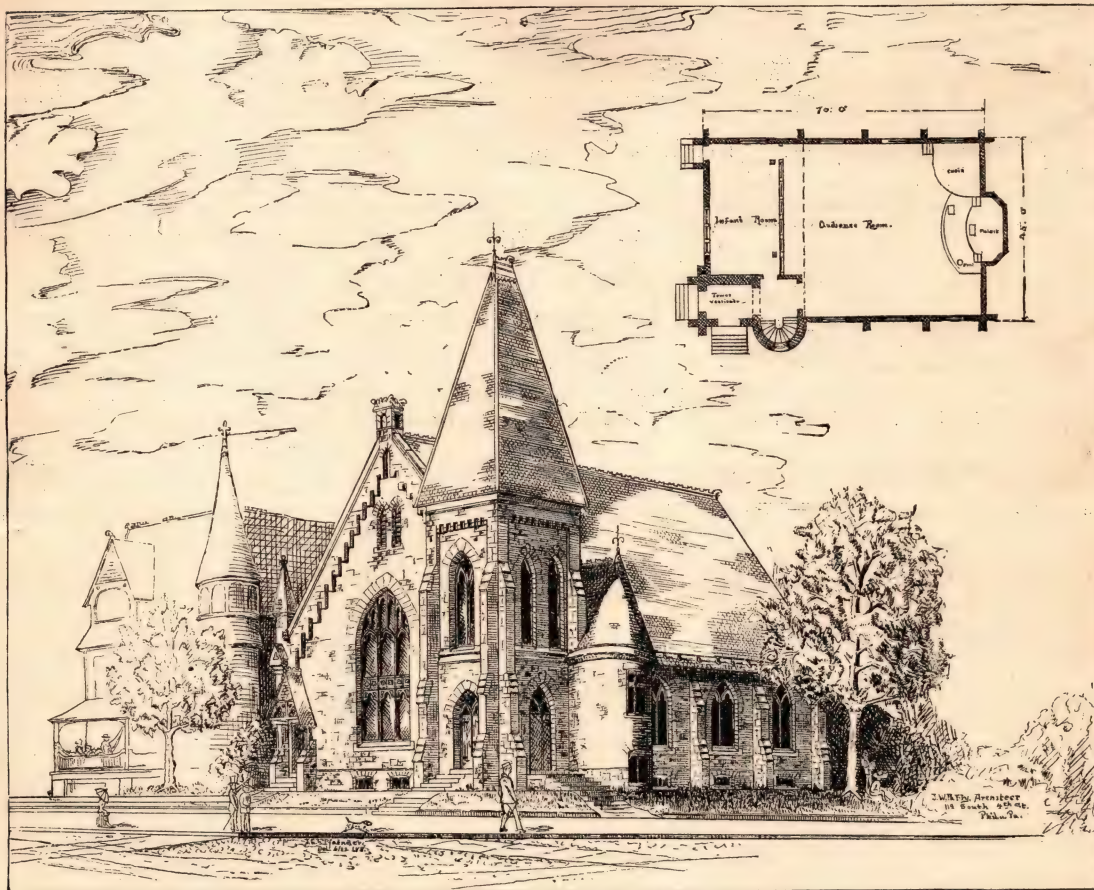
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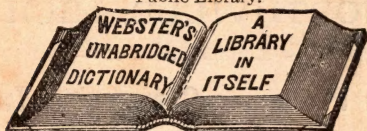
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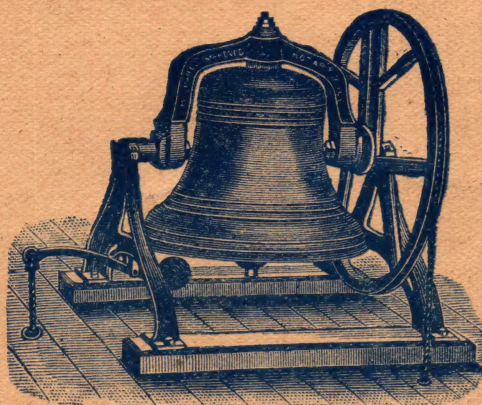
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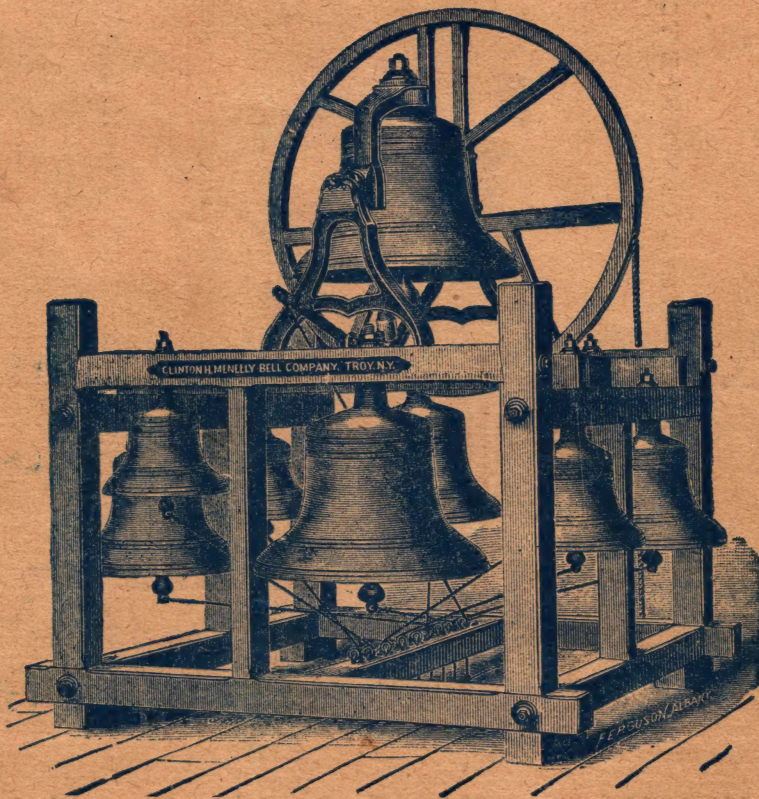
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